

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0913

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the *SMART Tech High-Tech Industry 4.0 Lab* project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Petersburg College, located at 6021 142nd Avenue North, Clearwater, Florida 33760.

The funding would be used to renovate existing educational space and purchase advanced equipment necessary to develop a digitally connected, real-world smart manufacturing training environment. The SMART Tech workforce training project was developed in response to regional and national employer demand for skilled labor in semiconductors and Industry 4.0 technologies. Students—many of whom are non-traditional, low-income, first-generation college students, minorities, and veterans—will receive stackable training and certifications that prepare them for high-wage careers in industries such as aerospace, microelectronics, construction, energy, and medical technology. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical workforce gaps and strengthens the local economy through targeted, advanced skills training.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luna.', with a large, stylized flourish at the beginning.

Anna Paulina Luna
Member of Congress

