

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-305 Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Infusing AI into Undergraduate Computing Education at Clayton State University in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Clayton State University, located at 2000 Clayton State University Boulevard, Morrow, GA 30260.

The funding would be used to transform undergraduate computing education through AI integration, increasing STEM success and workforce readiness in Georgia. The proposed project will develop innovative AI-infused pedagogical approaches and AI enabled customized learning supporting framework to improve the undergraduate computing education. In addition, the project will establish collaborative AI research opportunities for undergraduate students.

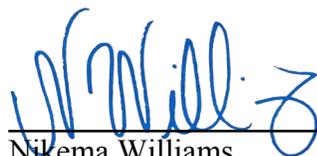
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment addresses a growing shortage of qualified computing and AI professionals in Georgia and the broader United States, helping ensure that students trained at a public university enter the workforce with relevant and competitive skills. By improving STEM completion rates and expanding research opportunities, the project strengthens the public return on investment by producing highly skilled graduates who contribute to the economy, innovation ecosystem, and workforce development. The project will contribute to workforce development in metro Atlanta and the state of Georgia by increasing the number of students graduating with computing and artificial intelligence competencies. By improving educational outcomes in computing courses and expanding undergraduate research opportunities, the initiative will help produce more job-ready graduates prepared for careers in software development, data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other high-demand technology fields.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 272 of Title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

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Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress