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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 Detroit Public Schools Community District High School Workforce Development Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Detroit Public Schools Community District, located at 16164 Asbury Park, Detroit, MI 48235.

The funding would be used to support building out the infrastructure for neighborhood high schools to function as robust workforce development spaces, ensuring that students can pursue rigorous academics while preparing for high-demand careers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support pathway development, instructional resources, workforce-aligned equipment, student support, and partnership coordination necessary to connect high school coursework with real-world opportunities. School buildings will not just function as academic spaces but as engines of economic mobility to prepare Detroit youth for the region's most in-demand careers.

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

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

Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress