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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hopkinsville Community College Regional Workforce Training and Equipment Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hopkinsville Community College, located at 720 North Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would address critical labor shortages impacting supply chain distribution, industrial production, and regional economic growth by creating scalable workforce pipelines aligned with high-wage, high-demand industries essential to national and regional economic competitiveness. Funding would be utilized to construct a dedicated commercial driver training facility to increase behind-the-wheel training capacity, improve safety, and scale workforce production; acquisition of two semi-trucks and training trailers to expand fleet capacity, increase student drive time, and accelerate credential completion; and acquisition of industry-standard Electrical Discharge Machining (EDM) equipment and the modernization of the College's 3D Printing Lab to expand advanced manufacturing training capacity and align instructional resources with current industry technologies.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



James Comer  
Member of Congress