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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Center For Next-Gen Workforce Development in Robotic Welding project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Western New England University, located at 1215 Wilbraham Rd, Springfield, MA 01119. The funding would be used for construction and renovation of property to create the new Center for Robotic Welding. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this center will serve as a hub for industry-University collaboration that will train and retrain a workforce for next-generation advanced manufacturing.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

Pursuant to House rule XXIII, clause 17, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Neal".

Richard E. Neal  
Member of Congress

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