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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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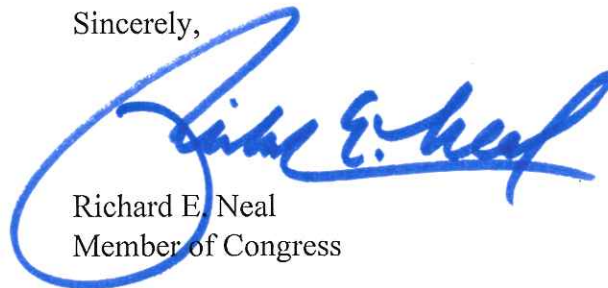
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Berkshire Innovation Center Security Operations Center, Pittsfield, MA in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Berkshire Innovation Center, located at 45 Woodlawn Ave, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The funding would be used for the Security Operations Center, a subset of the Berkshire Innovation Center Manufacturing Academy. The Security Operations Center will serve as an education hub regarding security operations for small manufacturers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support smaller manufacturers while spurring job growth and creating local education opportunities in an emerging field that support manufacturing needs in Massachusetts.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under section 272 of title 15, United States Code. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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