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

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Berkshire Community College Trades Academy project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Berkshire Community College, located at 1350 West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201. The funding would be used to create a new Trades Academy in a vacant, defunct power plant building that is located on BCC's main campus.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it directly addresses critical workforce shortages, promoting economic development, and fostering sustainable practices that benefit both the environment and the economy.

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

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

Sincerely,

Richard E. Neal
Member of Congress

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