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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

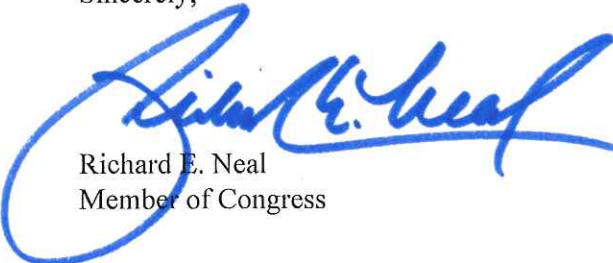
I am requesting funding for the MCLA Early Education Center project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, located at 375 Church Street, North Adams, MA 01247. The funding will support renovations to establish an Early Education Center on MCLA's campus, with classrooms designed to meet the licensing requirements for serving children from birth to age five.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will address the immediate childcare needs of our community while also creating a pathway for the development of a high-quality early childhood education program.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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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