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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 Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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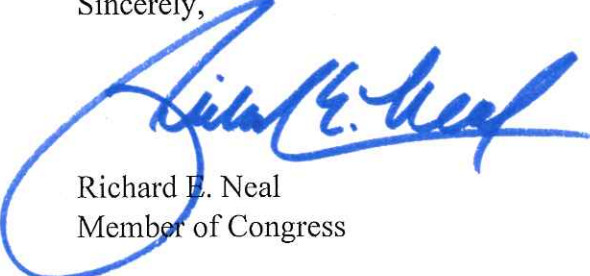
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Berkshire Innovation Center Security Operations Center, Pittsfield, MA in fiscal year 2026. 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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