



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Advanced Manufacturing, Health Science, and Biomedical Science Career and Technical Education at Austin ISD in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Austin Independent School District, located at 4000 S. I-H 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, TX 78704.

The funding would be used to acquire and install health sciences, biomedical sciences, and advanced manufacturing training equipment at Austin ISD high schools. Anatomage (virtual anatomy and physiology) tables will enhance course offerings at ten high schools. Additionally, Akins Early College High School's Advanced Manufacturing program will receive robotic trainers and updated lab equipment including 3D printers and Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines. The equipment will allow Austin ISD students to receive a new industry standard certificate (FANUC operator) in advanced manufacturing, and supplement skills for two certifications in health science and biomedical science, and one certification in advanced manufacturing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports the regional economy and enhances the ability of Central Texas' largest school district (and the state's 8th largest district) to prepare and retain local talent in high demand, high wage industries. The Advanced Manufacturing, Health Science, and Biomedical Science Career and Technical Education at Austin ISD project is consistent with the primary objective of the EDI community development program and meets a compelling local need consistent with the statutory purposes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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,

Lloyd Doggett