



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 23, 2025

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  
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Career and Technical Education at Austin ISD in Fiscal Year 2026. 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.

This funding will be used for equipment that increases student awareness of and exposure through Career and Technical Education coursework for in-demand industries in Central Texas. Funds will be used to acquire and install health and biomedical sciences; business, marketing, finance; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), and advanced manufacturing training equipment at ten Austin Independent School District (ISD) high schools. This project addresses economic development priorities related to workforce preparedness and participation in high-growth, high-wage industries. Equipment and tools are necessary for these courses to provide career exposure, so that students can follow through with credentialing or choose to continue their education in a post-secondary setting. No other funding sources exist, despite the need to acquire equipment that meets ever-changing industry standards. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the identified equipment and tools for these CTE programs would enhance offerings, giving students the opportunity to obtain four industry-recognized certifications, and positioning students to enter the workforce, an apprenticeship program, or continue to postsecondary education upon completion.

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