



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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lee County Career Center Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority, located at 211 N Gear Ave, Suite 100, West Burlington, IA 52655.

Funding for this project will be used to build out and equip the Lee County Career Center for the mutual benefit of Lee County and southeast Iowa industries, Lee County high school students, and Lee County adult learners. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the completed center will train over 150 students annually with state-of-the-art equipment for manufacturing and healthcare in partnership with Lee County industries. Around 80 Career Center students are expected to be placed with Lee County industry and businesses annually, counting adult and student participants.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress