

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0537

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Aviation Technology Advancement Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the West Los Angeles College located at 9000 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

The \$800,000 request would align aviation maintenance training with airline industry standards by implementing industry-informed curriculum, deploying advanced simulation technology, upskilling faculty, and expanding training for student and incumbent workers, strengthening the regional aviation workforce and preparing participants for high-wage aviation careers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would serve a minimum of 250 students per semester and 50 incumbent aviation workers annually, preparing participants for high-demand, high-wage careers in aircraft maintenance and avionics.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Sydney Kamlager-Dove
Member of Congress