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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Career Development Virtual Simulation Lab in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ivy Tech Community College, located at 50 W. Fall Creek Pkwy North Dr., Indianapolis IN 46208.

The funding would be used for the renovation of existing space on the downtown Indianapolis Ivy Tech campus to create a Career Development Virtual Simulation Lab, which is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides for critical infrastructure and high-tech equipment—including capital build out, VR headsets, simulation hardware, and monitor displays—to support the workforce development needs of local employers and provide immersive career exploration for high school students meeting degree requirements and preparing students for high-wage career pathways.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson  
Member of Congress