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May 23, 2025

Chair Tom Cole  
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Committee on Appropriations  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,600,000 to the Indianapolis Flex Lab - Workforce Training Center project in fiscal year 2026.

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 46208-5752.

The funding would be used for the support of expanding Ivy Tech's advanced manufacturing training, aligning with Industry 4.0 needs. It ensures Indiana's workforce remains competitive by offering hands-on, tech-driven programs that support local employers, adapt to evolving technologies, and promote lifelong employment in a high-demand sector.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Indiana faces a workforce crisis with a shortage of skilled talent and as talent becomes the primary driver for business expansion, relocation, and investment decisions, economic developers have shifted their focus from business recruitment to talent recruitment. The shortage of skilled workers poses a significant economic cost and this space will allow Ivy Tech to keep pace with evolving technology in skills such as Advanced Automation & Robotics Technology, Advanced Manufacturing, Biotechnology, Industrial Technology, Logistics/Supply Chain, Smart Manufacturing and Digital Integration, and align with Industry 4.0 pathways.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Fund (CDF) 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



André Carson  
Member of Congress

