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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Automation Engineering Technology Program project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Kansas City Kansas Community College, located at 7250 State Ave., Kansas City, Kansas 66112.

The funding would be used for the purchase of necessary, state-of-the-art equipment for KCKCC's new Automation Engineering Technology program. This equipment will allow KCKCC students/graduates to train on real-life automation equipment that is currently used in the industry, including the defense industry. Without this grant, the College will not have the funding to purchase equipment of this caliber and students will have a greater difficulty transitioning from the classroom to the workforce. The requested equipment will be immediately installed and used in the College's current Automation Engineering classrooms. However, once the KCKCC Downtown Community Education Center (DCEC) is completed in 2024-2025, the equipment will be moved to the DCEC, in a larger, 8,202 class/lab space, to accommodate additional students. The DCEC is a 119,000 square-foot facility that, working with community partners to offer desperately needed wrap-around services, will serve as an anchor institution in the urban core of Kansas City, Kansas, provide social and economic mobility for its residents, and be a national model of public/private partnerships for future educational institutions across the country.

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

Sincerely,



Representative Sharice Davids
Member of Congress