

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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 Kansas State University Olathe Advanced Manufacturing and Supply Chain Research project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kansas State University, located at 919 Mid-Campus Dr., Manhattan, KS, 66506.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment for the new labs that will support students and faculty research. The smart manufacturing lab areas include robotics and automation; mechanical; raw materials and bulk solids; and food manufacturing.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the national initiative to onshore manufacturing, the growth of manufacturing in Kansas, and the metropolitan area is exponential. Kansas State University Olathe is working to meet the workforce and research needs of all companies impacting the supply chain. The new manufacturing companies moving to the region along with the robust existing manufacturing industry have a base value of \$45 billion in GDP. More so, the region is a leader of the revival in American manufacturing with the Kansas City Area Development Council expecting continued growth in the sector by more than 7 percent by 2024.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress