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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Broward College: Aviation Training Center Remodel and Expansion project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Broward College, located at 111 E. Las Olas Blvd, Suite 33-522, FL 33301. The funding would be used to help improve energy usage and resource conservation for South Campus. New lighting, electrical systems, roofing systems, mechanical equipment, bathroom fixtures, and interior finishes are all major considerations to achieve sustainability goals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Broward County's cost of living has substantially increased with a 2.9% increase from just a year ago which is 14.9% higher than the national average. The largest increases were found in transportation, food, and housing meaning Broward County Residents need access to training for in demand jobs such as the many available in aviation locally and regionally now more than ever and many can not afford to leave home for training. Broward College and the expansion of the Aviation Training Center provides vital access to the latest technology and training right here in Broward County.

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

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Member of Congress