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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Emerging Technologies Equipment in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Nova Southeastern University (NSU), located at 3301 College Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314.

The funding would be used to provide equipment and technology necessary to carry out NSU's goal of creating a "next generation" technology-focused workshop and lab for students in the field of computer science and technology. Working through NSU's Broward Center of Innovation, NSU would use these funds to target minority graduate students in order to expand their curriculum in areas of spatial computing, artificial intelligence, robotics, and experiential human-focused technologies. Florida has been increasingly recognized as a hub for the high-tech sector, with several companies having established a strong presence in South Florida, which has created hundreds of jobs within the technology sector. However, this growth can only be sustained so long as there is a skilled and educated workforce capable of doing the work. It is critical that we educate our students in the computer sciences so that we can fill the demand for a workforce conversant in these skills.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Wasserman Schultz".

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

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