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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute Healthcare Education Expansion. The entity to receive funding for this project is Ivy Tech Community College - Terre Haute/Greencastle.

The funding would be used for renovations that will occur in our newest addition to campus, the Center for Information Technology (CIT), added in 2002. The first floor of that building will undergo extensive renovations to relocate the classrooms, labs, and faculty offices for the surgical technology, medical laboratory technology, and medical imaging programs. These programs are all currently located in the section of our campus built in 1967, which, due to the building's age, does not provide or allow for an optimal instructional environment, and limits the ability to grow enrollment or upgrade equipment to the latest industry needs. The renovations will enhance teaching and learning environments and improve overall space utilization within the building. This renovation aligns with past and future strategic renovation plans, with the goal of establishing a healthcare wing in the CIT building where all health sciences and nursing programs will be housed. This strategic renovation plan will foster interdisciplinary work, better mirror the industry environment, and prepare our healthcare students for a seamless transition into the workforce.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help alleviate the healthcare workforce needs in West Central, IN. Terre Haute is a growing city in Indiana and the need for skilled healthcare professions is a need for the region's economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mark Messmer
Member of Congress