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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC**

March 27, 2026

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 Career Technical Center Construction and Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Blount County Board of Education, located at 415 Fifth Avenue East Oneonta, AL 35121. The funding would be used for construction and expansion of the Career Technical Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current facility is at max capacity and limits the number of students who can participate in technical education. This project directly addresses documented workforce shortages in high-demand, high-wage fields.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress