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U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for equipment at the Career and Technical Education (CTE) center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Walker Area Community Foundation, located at Post Office Box 171, Jasper, AL 35501. The funding would be used for the purchase of equipment for the center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the center will provide free, hands-on training for high school students in high-demand fields like advanced manufacturing, health sciences, construction, cybersecurity, and more—leading to industry credentials and direct pathways to jobs or further education.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt".

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress