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**U.S. House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC**

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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Equipment for Advanced Technology Center in Hanceville, AL project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wallace State Community College Future Foundation, Inc., located at 801 Main Street NW, P.O. Box 568, Hanceville, AL, 35077. The funding would be used for establishing and equipping the Advanced Technology Center for Electric and Autonomous Vehicles to expand the curriculum and training to provide specialized workforce instruction for electric and autonomous vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the number of EV/AV models in production continues to rise, along with the increase in EV owners across the state, the need to expand capacity and provide a skilled and trained workforce to maintain them becomes critical. Skilling the workforce to support EV/AVs insures those employed in traditional automotive manufacturing maintain their employment while preparing the pipeline for EV-expansion and related job growth. This investment will not only create more employment opportunities but will also pave the way for new investments with a qualified and skilled workforce to support them.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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