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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
2358-B Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Construction Systems and Applied Technology Simulation Lab project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is St. Petersburg College located at 6605 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used to create a construction and building trades training facility to address regional workforce shortages and strengthen collaboration with local employers and contractors.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
United States Representative  
Florida – District 14