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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SMART Tech Industry 4.0 Lab project in fiscal year 2025. 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 lab to provide training and education for today's high-tech manufacturing workforce in South St. Petersburg, improving the pipeline for jobs in the semiconductor, mechatronics, automation, and robotics industries.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Castor

United States Representative

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