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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the 27Q650 STEM Innovation Laboratory in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the New York City Department of Education, located 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY, 10007.

The funding would be used to support the design and construction of a state-of-the-art STEM Innovation Laboratory at The High School for Construction Trades, Engineering, and Architecture to support student career and technical education pathways in Engineering, Construction Trades, and Architecture. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit local industry partners and the broader community with a better prepared workforce pipeline equipped with relevant technical and problem-solving skills aligned to regional labor market needs.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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,



Gregory W. Meeks  
Member of Congress