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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Harper College VERTEX Center (Virtual Education and Reality Training Experiences Center) at 650 E. Higgins Road Schaumburg, IL 60173 in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harper Community College. The funding would be used to build an AR/VR and immersive learning facility to prepare students and community members for the careers of tomorrow. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will feature a 360-degree simulation theater and a ten-station AR/VR lab, operative settings to implement the U.S. Department of Labor AI Literacy Delivery Principles effectively. Beyond higher education, it can serve K-12 students, first responders, and local businesses ensuring long-term sustainability. The VERTEX Center accelerates workforce readiness with high-tech skills, delivering lasting return on a transformative federal investment.

The project has a federal nexus because of 5305(a)(2) - the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements.

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

Sincerely,



Raja Krishnamoorthi

Member of Congress