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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Athens State University Workforce Development and Multipurpose Center - Athens, AL project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Athens State University, located at 300 N Beatty Street Athens, Alabama 35611. The funding would be used to rehabilitate and make capital improvements to a building which will serve as a workforce development and multipurpose center, enabling the University to assist in producing highly-skilled workers from communities across North Alabama to support economic growth in the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income individuals within the County and surrounding area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Dale Strong Member of Congress