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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0105**

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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 project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Athens State University, located at 300 N Beaty Street, Athens, Alabama 35611. The funding would be used to rehabilitate and make capital improvements to a building that 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 the 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Dale W. Strong  
Member of Congress