



May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for the **Dallas College Aviation Maintenance Technology Program** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dallas College, located at 1601 Botham Jean Blvd. Dallas, Texas 75215. The funding will support a training center that will prepare students for careers as Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMT's). Specifically, the funding will be used for equipment installation costs and renovations to make the leased hangar and classroom ADA compliant. This funding will also be used to purchase a used aircraft, help with the aircraft's transportation to the facility, and upgrade aviation training facilities, which contribute to higher student success.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is a growing need for AMTs in the Dallas area. This program is strategically located in the southern region of Dallas County, a region currently without local aviation training programs. This will help meet the growing demand for skilled aviation technicians in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a major aviation hub. Nationally, it will ensure that the United States remains a leader in aviation technology and safety while addressing critical workforce needs.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie E. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie E. Johnson
Member of Congress