



March 26, 2026

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
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the **UT Dallas Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Development Center (AMWDC)** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Texas at Dallas, located at 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080. The funding would be used to establish an AMWDC that integrates cutting-edge instruction with immersive, industry-relevant, hands-on training to meet the evolving workforce needs of Texas's technology-based economy. The funds would be used for the construction of a workshop and the acquisition of equipment for the center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because federal investment in developing K-12 and community college partnerships will result in a highly trained workforce of engineers, technicians, and operators ready to enter the North Texas manufacturing economy.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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