

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0911

May 20, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, 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:

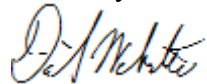
I am requesting funding for the Eustis Workforce Education and Training Center (EETC). The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake-Sumter State College, located at 9501 U.S. Highway 441, Leesburg, Florida 34788.

The funding would be used to construct the EETC Building, which will be a workforce development facility that will provide training and certifications in utility linework and commercial driving. This training and certification will address critical labor shortages in these vital industries. There is estimated shortage of over 24,000 drivers in the trucking industry and anticipated 21,800 line-worker job openings in 2025. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because facilitating job training and supporting innovation helps create jobs and strengthens U.S. industries, which in turn drives economic growth.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Daniel Webster  
Member of Congress