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UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ROSA L. DELAURO
3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS) grant to the University of New Haven in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516. The funding would be used to equip a new Regional Cobot Access Center for Manufacturing Workforce Readiness at the university.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a strategic commitment to workforce development, industrial innovation, and national security. By providing hands-on training in advanced robotics and manufacturing, the Center ensures the U.S. remains at the forefront of automation, defense readiness, and high-tech manufacturing.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for one or more of the functions and activities described in section 272 of title 15, U.S. Code.

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 that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress