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

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole, Chairman Womack, and Ranking Member Clyburn:

I am requesting funding for an Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant for the Southern Connecticut State University of the City of New Haven in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern Connecticut State University, located at 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515. The funding would transform a currently vacant 25,000 square foot building into a centrally located high-tech community and workforce development hub to simultaneously address diversifying Connecticut's workforce, creating highly accessible and flexible pathways for minorities and underserved groups to improve and advance their careers and communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it seeks to make critical investments that are vital to improving the economic benefit of community members and establishing much needed updates to improve the community's infrastructure, which is consistent with a primary guiding principle of the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2020-2024 strategic plan.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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