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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Monroe Community College (MCC) Applied Technology Education Center (ATC) in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Monroe Community College, located at 1000 E Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623.

The funding would be used to secure vital optics instructional equipment to support education and training for new entrants into the high-tech semiconductor manufacturing field, including apprentices and the upskilling of incumbent workers. Instructional equipment will be housed within the new ATC (currently under design). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the region has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shift the trajectory of Upstate New York by building a globally leading semiconductor and related supply chain cluster. The new MCC ATC, and instructional training equipment in this proposal, will help the region's legacy companies pivot to service the incoming semiconductor industry by upskilling and reskilling incumbent workers. The region is currently home to over 100 semiconductor companies and is a global leader in supply chain industries such as optics, photonics, and imaging.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(1), 5305 (a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress