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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$2,500,000 in funding for the Pima Community College Center of Excellence for Health Sciences Workforce Incubator in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pima Community College, located at 2202 W. Anklam Road Tucson, AZ 85709.

The funding will be used for the remodel of two existing buildings, which will house an estimated 75,000 square feet all allied health and nursing programs. This center will highlight best-in-class career and technical education (CTE) programs in the healthcare field, and support economic development in the region by training a highly skilled workforce using state-of-the-art technology that simulates real medical situations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Arizona's Education and Health Services sector projects a statewide increase of 37,126 health-related jobs by 2024. Due to the rapid growth shown in this sector, along with an already existing shortage of nurses, Pima Community College has been entrusted with meeting both employer and community needs for skilled labor and access to high quality skills-based education. The College's industry partners have consistently expressed concerns about their ability to source qualified talent, and growth in the sector will place even more pressure on the available labor pool. These circumstances have left employers facing a difficult challenge maintaining the workforce they need to sustain their productivity levels. PCC seeks to respond to the future needs of industry partners in the healthcare sector by developing new micro-pathways and reskilling and upskilling opportunities for working learners as well as rapid-entry training and continuation of learning.

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,



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Member of Congress