

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2504

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, 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 Workforce Training Center for Agriculture Advancement in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the State Fair Community College, located at 3201 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301. The funding would be used to construct a workforce training center for agriculture advancement on campus to complement the 200-acre farm and serve as crucial hub for developing skilled professionals in the agricultural industry.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the training center will produce a workforce with advanced skills, contributing to a stable and sustainable growth in agriculture economic contributions, increased employment opportunities, higher agriculture production and opportunities for innovation. This project will have an impact on the growing demand for skilled labor in the agriculture technology industry, which is affected by the aging workforce.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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,



Mark Alford  
Member of Congress