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House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

House Foreign Affairs Committee  
Subcommittee on Europe  
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& Intelligence  
House Space, Science, and  
Technology Committee  
Subcommittee on Research and  
Technology

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$7,061,000 for the Workforce Development at the Delaware Skills Center and New Castle County Vo-Tech Adult Education Division Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is New Castle County Vocational School District, located at 1417 Newport Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804.

This funding will support the purchase and renovation of a permanent facility for the Delaware Skills Center and the New Castle County Vo-Tech Adult Education Division, consolidating two state-run programs to expand training, improve efficiency, and reduce costs. Serving over 2,000 adults annually with a 96% completion rate, the Skills Center provides job-ready workers in high-demand fields like healthcare and skilled trades. The project delivers direct economic benefits to the community by strengthening the local workforce and reducing unemployment, while eliminating rental expenses and allowing for future program growth.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it acquires permanent public property to house two state-run adult education programs that deliver direct economic benefits through workforce training. Consolidating services in a single facility will expand access to high-demand fields like healthcare and skilled trades, serving over 2,000 adults annually with a 96% completion rate. The Delaware Skills Center prepares residents for in-demand jobs, strengthening the labor force and reducing unemployment. This investment supports economic growth, cuts future costs, and replaces recurring rental expenses with a lasting public asset.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1)(E).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S McBride'.

Sarah McBride  
Member of Congress