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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Central Connecticut Workforce and Innovation Hub in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Connecticut State University located at 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06050. The funding would be used to create a Workforce and Innovation Hub (The Hub) at Central Connecticut State University. The Hub is a place where students, industry, and the community of the region can work to advance equity, revitalize the economy, and create a skilled workforce. The Hub includes services already offered by CCSU (education, professional development, etc.) and partnerships with the Workforce Alliance, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, as well as healthcare networks and financial services in the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the heart of The Hub will be the Central Applied Learning and Industry Corridor (CALIC), a cutting-edge facility aimed at assisting the manufacturing, healthcare, financial and insurance services industry sectors with productivity increases, product/service development, and the creation of new enterprises. The Hub will advance equity, postsecondary achievement, and economic prosperity in the central region. In addition, the Hub will serve historically underserved and marginalized communities in central Connecticut by connecting students, industry, and community partners.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jahana Hayes".

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress