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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the EPIC Center in Land O'Lakes, FL in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the District School Board of Pasco County, located at 7227 Land O'Lakes Blvd, Land O'Lakes, FL 34638. The funding would be used to build a state-of-the-art facility near Speros, FL with the technology and tools to offer training related to blended instruction, the development of instructional continuity plants, and best practices in oversight for blended learning. The EPIC Center will focus on teacher recruitment and improve educator preparation throughout Florida, while also serving as a hub for flexible high school classes designed to immerse students in observations and interactions with professionals in healthcare, engineering, artificial intelligence, and cybersecurity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress