

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Expanding Dental Workforce Education on Florida's Space Coast Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Eastern Florida State College, located at 1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32922.

The funding will be used to expand and relocate its Dental Education Program on the Cocoa Campus. The funding will support the renovation and repurposing of approximately 14,000 square feet of existing academic space to create a modern dental training facility that will significantly increase the college's ability to educate dental hygienists and dental assistants serving Florida's Space Coast. EFSC currently serves more than 20,000 students and helps meet workforce needs for a region of more than 680,000 residents along Florida's rapidly growing Space Coast. The college is the only public provider of dental hygiene and dental assistant education in the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a strategic and cost-effective investment in workforce development and economic growth by leveraging commitments from the State of Florida and local philanthropic support. It also ensures the workforce infrastructure needed for continued technological growth on Florida's Space Coast and the national aerospace leadership.

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.

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress