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March 19, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Tougaloo College for the Tougaloo Media Technical Training Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is Tougaloo College, located at 500 West County Line Road, Tougaloo, MS 39174.

The funding would be used for the rehabilitation and modernization of a facility to establish a specialized center for technical education. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a compelling local need for economic revitalization and workforce readiness in an underserved region. By transforming a facility into a functional technical hub, the project provides specialized certifications in high-growth sectors, creating a clear economic development benefit for the community.

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,



Bennie G. Thompson  
Member of Congress