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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Simmons College Westover Campus Construction project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Simmons College of Kentucky located at 1000 South 4th Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

The funding requested in this project will support construction activities that transform a vacant, deserted former parochial school into a state-of-the-art and accessible STEAM education hub. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the project will support economic development in Louisville by creating a new education program that will serve as a pipeline for new engineers in Louisville. It will also expand pre-engineering pathways through partnerships with K-12 schools in the city in which high school students will be able to earn college credits, and the school has industry partnerships with Louisville businesses in the fields of manufacturing and aviation. This project will prepare students for high-demand, good paying careers and develop our workforce and economy.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(4) of the Economic Development Initiative.

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

Sincerely,

The Honorable Morgan McGarvey

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Member of Congress