

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Central Washington Applied Technology and Entrepreneurship Center - Ellensburg, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Washington University, located at 400 E University Way, Ellensburg WA 98926.

The funding would be used to transform a historic industrial building adjacent to Central Washington University's campus into a regional hub for technology commercialization, advanced manufacturing prototyping, and workforce development. This project would complete the first phase of this construction, which would establish the minimum operational conditions to attract anchor tenants in the aerospace supply chain, agricultural technology, advanced materials, and clean energy sectors. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Kittitas County faces increased structural economic challenges. The county's workforce is concentrated in low-wage industries — education, government, retail, and hospitality — that generate little outside revenue and do not sustain wage growth. This project would strengthen long-term regional workforce capacity, attracting Central Washington University graduates and creating a targeted 250 direct living-wage jobs within 10 years. This project would bolster domestic manufacturing competitiveness, uplifting local industries and surrounding economies.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 USC 5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress