

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Delta College Manteca Bio Economy Training Hub in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Joaquin Delta Community College District, located at 5151 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA, 95207. The funding would be used to develop the Manteca Bio Economy Training Hub at Delta College, which includes the renovation of an existing research facility, construction of new specialized laboratory spaces, and installation of bioeconomy infrastructure to create a fully compliant biosafety laboratory training center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strategically invests in a public community college's bioeconomy workforce hub to deliver local, industry-aligned training in the epicenter of California's agricultural economy. Over the first ten years, the Manteca Bio Economy Training Hub is expected to produce more than 1,000 trained laboratory professionals, driving the growth of the region's burgeoning biotechnology industry.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,



Josh Harder
Member of Congress