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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 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the Indian River State College Pruitt Campus community and veterans facility renovation project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Indian River State College, located at 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981.

The funding would be used to modernize and transform an existing 12,000-square-foot facility at the Pruitt Campus in Port St. Lucie into a multi-purpose community hub serving students, military veterans, and the broader public. The renovated space will include digital media labs with advanced technology, telehealth pods to expand access to physical and mental health services, and flexible meeting and gathering spaces to support workforce development, community engagement, and veteran programming. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to critical services for low- and moderate-income populations, strengthens workforce readiness through digital skills training, improves access to healthcare, and supports veteran reintegration and community stability in a rapidly growing region.

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,



Brian J. Mast
Member of Congress