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Chairman Tom Cole
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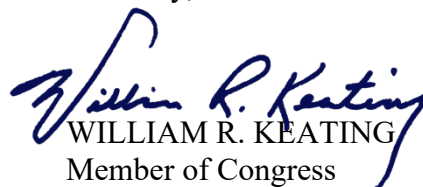
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Marine Robotics and Autonomous Systems Workforce Training Initiative Project project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bristol Community College, located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720. The funds will be used by Bristol Community College to renovate facilities and acquire specialized robotics equipment, drone systems, sensors, computing infrastructure, and laboratory workstations that will enable field-based training opportunities in maritime environments. These resources will allow students to train using the same technologies deployed by industry. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is focused on workforce development to meet the needs of the growing blue economy sector that supports research, defense, energy, and other industries.

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,


WILLIAM R. KEATING
Member of Congress