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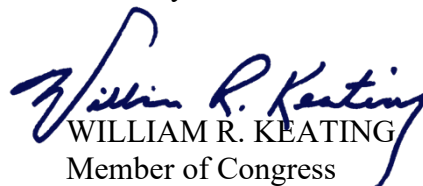
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Engine Room Full Simulator Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Massachusetts Maritime Academy located at 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. The funding would be used to construct a marine engine room training simulator at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, one of six State Maritime Academies in the United States, and will significantly enhance the Academy's ability to train the next generation of marine and shoreside engineers by providing advanced, hands-on experience in a safe and controlled environment. With high-fidelity replication of real engine room operations, students will master complex systems, emergency procedures, and troubleshooting scenarios. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports U.S. maritime leadership, shipbuilding capacity, and economic competitiveness. By enhancing domestic training capabilities, this project reduces reliance on foreign labor and supports the readiness of a qualified U.S. maritime workforce as Massachusetts Maritime Academy trains the and prepares the next generation of U.S. Coast Guard-licensed officers for service in the U.S. Merchant Marine, Military Sealift Command, and related federal maritime agencies

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 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