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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Advanced Innovation Facility at University of Massachusetts Lowell in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Massachusetts Lowell, located at 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, MA 01854. The funding would be used to advance the East Campus development at UML. Specifically, it will enable the construction of the Advanced Innovation Facility, which will be the anchor project. It will house a combination of university computer technology uses alongside spaces leased by corporate and other partners with community resources on the ground floor, forming an ecosystem for job creation, educational opportunity, and innovative discovery. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a relatively modest investment of federal funding which will immediately leverage much greater levels of private and institutional resources for a project that injects much-needed economic development in a smaller post-industrial city. Once complete, this development will also yield multiple long-term returns for our students, local companies, and the City of Lowell. By connecting students to private employers this facility will help these companies expand and grow their workforces while simultaneously creating transformative career-connected opportunities for the students. This will also contribute to expanding the municipal tax base to help increase the City of Lowell's ability to sustain itself with less ongoing dependency on subsidy from higher levels of government.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and/or 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress