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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3311

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mayland Community College Earth to Sky Park, Discovery Center project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mayland Community College, located at 107 Wheeler Hills Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714. The project would develop a Children's Discovery Center that will create education opportunities and spark economic development through hands-on, interactive activities that inspire curiosity, creativity, and prepare our next generation for the workforce.

This project is a good use of federal funds because investing in education, especially at a young age, is critical to the future success of our nation and to economic development in rural Western North Carolina. The center will help prepare children for academic success and future careers in high-demand fields.

This 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,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress