

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2404

March 13th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Committee on  
Appropriations  
The U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

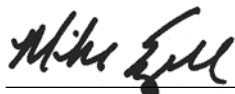
I am requesting funding for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College's Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Center (AMIC) project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College located at 2300 Highway 90, Gautier, MS, 39553. The funding would be used for MGCCC's next essential phase of its Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Center (AMIC), a workforce initiative focused on strengthening Mississippi's position in shipbuilding, defense manufacturing, and advanced industrial production.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will strengthen workforce development and economic opportunity across the Mississippi Gulf Coast by expanding training capacity for high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing and the industrial maritime sector. The Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Center will renovate and modernize training facilities at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to support industrial-grade equipment, robotics, welding systems, and advanced manufacturing technologies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in Community Development Fund (CDF): 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,



Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress