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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for AI and Robotics Engineering Training Lab Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Colorado, Denver, located at 1201 Larimer St, Denver, CO 80204.

The funding would be used to purchase advanced robotics, autonomy and AI platform infrastructure to equip the lab with state-of-the-art industry-aligned equipment and computing infrastructure to transition the training program from a more theoretical focus to a much more valuable, hands-on training experience suitable for upskilling and reskilling workers. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen Colorado's long-term economic competitiveness while directly benefiting residents of the First District. Automation, robotics, and artificial intelligence are transforming aerospace, advanced manufacturing, biomedical and health care systems, transportation and logistics, energy, and smart infrastructure — all sectors with strong and growing footprints in the Denver metro region.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress