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Congress of the United States  
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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 the LODO Architecture and Design Campus in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community College of Denver, located at 1111 W. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80217.

The funding would be used to redesign the historic Tattered Cover bookstore to expand the Community College of Denver's arts, graphic design, and architecture programs into Lower Downtown (LODO) Denver. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the expanded LODO campus will provide more student presence downtown, boost local business revenue, encourage development, and help revitalize underused commercial spaces.

The 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,



Diana DeGette  
Member of Congress