

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington. DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Montgomery Regional Tech & Innovation Ecosystem Initiative in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Montgomery, located at 103 North Perry Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. The funding would be used for the creation of a tech-driven ecosystem supporting workforce development growth in Central Alabama, ultimately positioning Montgomery as a regional innovation hub. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide hands-on training in technologies which will upskill local talent and support the growth of tech-focused businesses.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,

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Shomari C. Figures
Member of Congress