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March 16, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$750,000 in funding for the Equipping Felician University's AI Innovation Hub Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Felician University located at 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ 070644. The project location is 1 Felician Way, Rutherford, NJ 07070.

The funding will be used to purchase research equipment, technology, and electrical upgrades and lab fitting to provide faculty and student research for predictive modeling for biological and environmental systems, manufacturing models, AI enabled threat detection and anomaly analysis in cybersecurity, robotics and autonomous systems, and data driven analysis for sciences. The project will support the procurement of AI workstations and monitors; GPU training servers; Specialized research and presentation tools; Software, licensing, and supplemental software tools; Shared storage; Robotics kits; Embedded AI boards; Sensor kits; Network infrastructure systems—to provide the infrastructure needed to support independent and faculty-student research projects for machine learning frameworks, cybersecurity analysis tools, robotics programming environments, and data science platforms.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will assist industry in the development of measurements, measurement methods, and basic measurement technology as well as improve industry, governments, and institutions with information, techniques, and advice for the achievement of higher quality and productivity.

The project complies with the federal nexus, as it is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligns with one or more of the functions and activities described in 15 USC § 272.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nellie Pou".

Nellie Pou
Member of Congress