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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6502

March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the St. Mary's College of Maryland Student Connectivity Upgrade project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Mary's College of Maryland, located at 47645 College Dr, St. Mary's City, MD 20686. The funding would be used to significantly expand and improve broadband access in its rural location to support academic programming in high-demand fields such as data science, cybersecurity, and artificial intelligence. It would also expand curricular programming, cybersecurity capacity, and rural broadband development goals by upgrading the campus core switch infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because upgrading broadband infrastructure and increasing both efficiencies and capabilities within the Network is a necessity to support student development at a rural university in high need fields.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer".

STENY H. HOYER