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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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

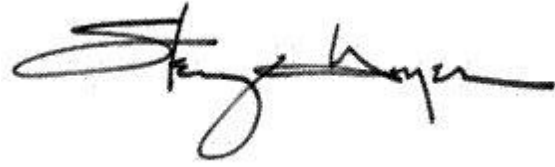
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the AI Readiness in Education (AIRE) Hub in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland, College Park, located at 7999 Regents Dr. College Park, MD 20742. The funding would be used to establish a policy and practice hub to meet the AI needs of educators in Maryland, housed at the University of Maryland-College Park, but with a broad reach that serves as a resource and thought partner for school districts across the state. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because research on AI in schools is rapidly emerging and likely to increase exponentially in the coming years, creating the need for school leaders, researchers, and policymakers to quickly develop sound strategies to meet the moment as new findings are reported. Without a central resource that is evidence-based and trustworthy, educators will likely find themselves awash in tips, lists, and advertisements that may be of dubious quality. Wisely implemented, AI has the potential to significantly impact Maryland's student achievement, but for teachers and educational leadership to make sound decisions, they will require timely and rapidly updated guidance as new research is completed.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

STENY H. HOYER