Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the School Counselor STEM Workforce Collaborative in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Battelle Education, located at 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201.

The funding would be used to increase middle and high school counselors' and internship coordinators' knowledge of cybersecurity, manufacturing, and other in-demand STEM jobs, advising them on opportunities within these growing employment areas, and supporting them with career exploration platforms. This project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will give school counselors the tools to connect students to workforce training and skills for in-demand jobs in science, manufacturing, cybersecurity, and other STEM fields important to the country's long-term economic competitiveness.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

Joyce Beatty

Member of Congress