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

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Smart Automation and Robotics Center as a community project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Hawkeye Community College, located at 1501 E Orange Road, Waterloo, IA 50704. The project location would be at 360 Westfield Ave, Waterloo, Iowa 50701.

This funding would assist in the acquisition of space and construction for a Smart Automation and Robotics Center to allow students and incumbent workers across Iowa to gain skills in a fast-tracked program. The purpose of this investment is to create a manufacturing hub in Waterloo, Iowa, that directly feeds into several manufacturing businesses and supports our domestic supply chain. There is strong community support for this request.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

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