

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Alpena Community College's Natural Resources and STEM Innovation Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alpena Community College, located at 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707. The funding would be used for the renovation of the existing Natural Resources Center into a state of the art facility for life sciences and STEM education. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow Alpena Community College to continue to be a hub for science education, STEM talent development, and regional prosperity in Northeast Michigan for decades to come.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress

