April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Wayne Community College Apprenticeship Program Expansion in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Wayne Community College, located at:

3000 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27534

The funding would be used to construct an to expand established apprenticeship training programs an to develop new apprenticeship programs at Wayne Community College (Wayne CC). Appropriations funding will be used for tuition assistance and student fees, as well as for related equipment to include trainers and simulators needed to train apprentices. As local industries struggle to rebound from the pandemic, some are reporting more job vacancies now than before the pandemic began. Companies look to WCC for skilled workers. WCC has a proven track record of working with these local and regional industries like Smithfield Foods and Mt. Olive Pickle Company to develop apprenticeship programs that are tailored to their specific needs and that help develop employees to take ‘hard-to-fill’ positions within their companies - such as maintenance technicians. WCC must also work diligently to develop new apprenticeship programs to meet employer demand, especially in the field of healthcare. It is imperative that we use updated and relevant equipment to attract students to these programs and to be sure that students are trained on the most up-to-date equipment.

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

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield  
Member of Congress