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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
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H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Democrats
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for biomaterials construction and manufacturing research in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lackawanna College, located at 501 Vine Street, Scranton, PA, 18509. The funding would be used for research into building construction biomaterials, biomaterials manufacturing, including the manufacture of bioplastic, and the optimum components of new textiles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because industrial plant-based manufacturing as an economic driver in Pennsylvania could lead to \$3.5 billion in estimated economic growth for the Commonwealth and the creation of at least 14,000 jobs within the next five years.

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,



Matt Cartwright
Member of Congress