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

May 2, 2025

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 the Autodesk Technology and Engagement Center for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is California State University, Northridge, located at 18111 Nordhoff St, Northridge, CA 91330.

The funding would be used to fully equip the University-Community Makerspace, STEAM Discovery Lab, Lobby and Exhibit Spaces, Next-Gen Student Success Center, and Presentation Room to facilitate STEAM education and programming. Computers, related peripheral tools and research equipment, will be put in the laboratories and discovery spaces so that regional K-12 students, via the school-university partnerships, have access to state-of-the-art technology for the purposes of education and encouraging STEAM pathways.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project, through partnerships with K-12 students in the San Fernando Valley, would provide access to experiential opportunities and education inspiring the pursuit of STEAM degrees and careers.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz Rivas".

Luz Rivas
Member of Congress