

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4305**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Jarvis Christian University's Workforce Training and Cybersecurity Center. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jarvis Christian University, located at PR 7631 HWY 80E, Hawkins, Texas, 75765. The funding would be used for crucial construction projects at Jarvis Christian University, including updating an existing building to serve students and surrounding county residents as a state-of-the-art center to train the cybersecurity workforce. Funding would also be used to upgrade the campus' outdated chiller-based HVAC system to a modern, reliable, and energy-efficient system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow an HBCU in rural East Texas to quickly address critical campus and community needs in education, workforce development, and public infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden  
Member of Congress