

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

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The Honorable Steve Womack  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related  
Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

As you consider the Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request full funding in the amount of \$3,425,000.00 for Trinity Valley Community College (TVCC) to renovate and modernize an existing automotive facility on its Athens campus into a Production Education Center. This project will transform an underutilized campus building into a state-of-the-art workforce training facility designed to support high-demand technical programs, including welding, fabrication, industrial production, and other short-term workforce training aligned with regional industry needs.

The proposed renovation will include significant upgrades to support modern technical training environments, including new ventilation systems for welding programs, upgraded electrical infrastructure, ADA-compliant facilities, technology-enabled classrooms, and flexible training labs. These improvements will allow TVCC to expand hands-on training capacity and better prepare students for careers in industries that are essential to the regional economy, such as manufacturing, construction, and industrial production. Employers across the region continue to face shortages of skilled workers, and this project directly addresses that gap by strengthening the local talent pipeline.

TVCC already plays a central role in supporting the regional economy, contributing significant economic impact and job support across its service area. By modernizing this facility, the college will increase training capacity, improve learning environments, and ensure students are equipped with the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce.

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden  
Member of Congress