

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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **DuPage Regional Advanced Manufacturing Hub** in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Technology Center of DuPage (TCD), located at 301 Swift Rd., Addison, IL 60101.

The funding would be used to establish an Advanced Manufacturing Hub within TCD's Manufacturing Lab. Advanced manufacturing relies heavily on cutting-edge technologies such as robotics, 3D printing, and computer-aided design (CAD). By investing in these technologies, DuPage County can foster a culture of innovation and technological advancement, positioning itself as a hub for advanced manufacturing excellence.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is a pressing need for skilled workforce development in IL-03 and across the State, as many employers struggle to find qualified candidates. By investing in advanced manufacturing education, the county can bridge the skills gap and ensure a pipeline of skilled workers tailored to the needs of local industries.

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,



Delia C. Ramirez  
Member of Congress