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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Critical Pipeline Infrastructure Modernization in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Northern Virginia Community College, located at 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003.

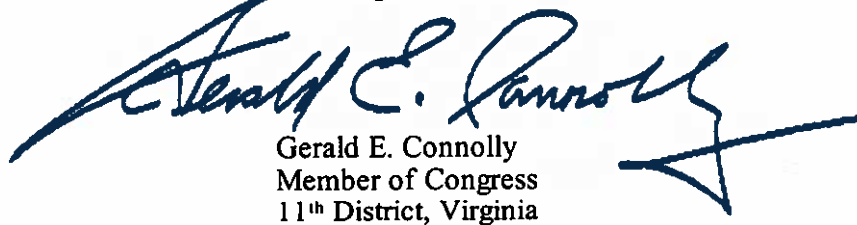
Project: Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Critical Pipeline Infrastructure Modernization
Recipient: Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003
Amount: \$3,000,000

Background: This project will replace the aging underground utility system at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus. There are three primary goals for this project that will make it a good use of taxpayer dollars. (1) Ensure Campus Continuity: The current outdated infrastructure has led to frequent closures, disrupting classes, labs, and essential student services. Modernizing the system will ensure uninterrupted operations, providing a stable learning environment for a community of 16,000 students, many of whom are Pell Grant eligible and balancing work and family commitments. (2) Enhancing Student Access and Success: With NOVA's mission of equitable access to higher education, infrastructure failures disproportionately impact students from low-income backgrounds. These improvements will remove barriers to access, allowing students to participate fully in their on-campus classes, labs, and support services, thereby improving their academic success and reducing the risk of dropout. (3) Economic and Social Advancement: As a hub for higher education and workforce development, NOVA's Annandale Campus plays a crucial role in the economic and social advancement of the community. By investing in modernizing the campus infrastructure, the project facilitates the delivery of high-quality education and training, empowering individuals to pursue better job opportunities and contribute more effectively to the local economy and society. Overall, the project's benefits extend beyond the campus walls, positively impacting the broader community by fostering educational attainment, supporting student success, and driving economic opportunity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

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

Best Regards,


Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia