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

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Equipment Purchases for the Maritime Technology Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kingsborough Community College, located at 2001 Oriental Boulevard Brooklyn, NY 11235. Kingsborough Community College seeks funding to purchase equipment to expand maritime and environmental workforce training through advanced simulation labs for credentialed maritime training and a youth-focused STEM-at-sea program. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would strengthen the maritime workforce pipeline in New York Harbor, enhance coastal and ocean STEM education, and expand equitable access to maritime career pathways for both youth and college students.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries".

HAKEEM JEFFRIES
Member of Congress