

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named “Mount Vernon High School Workforce Development Construction” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

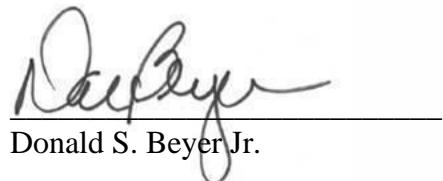
This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will increase economic growth and enhance community connections for residents of all ages through the renovation and reuse of an old high school into a center that will be used for workforce development programming. The jobs that participants will be prepared for are in high-demand fields where there are labor shortages, including health care and trade professions. This not only benefits individuals, but the entire community as it will ultimately increase access to these services for all residents.

The project will support the construction of workforce development and youth reengagement programming spaces. It will include the construction of a medical skills laboratory classroom, administered by the Northern Virginia Community College, for residents to obtain medical certifications in high-demand health care fields. There will also be classrooms and workshop space for residents to become certified in trades like HVAC and plumbing. In addition, a youth reengagement center will be constructed to offer a workforce training program, providing a continuum of services and supports to boost the economic mobility and social capital among at-risk youth.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.