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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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H-130, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Meng
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Meng,

I write to request \$1,600,000 in community project funding for Foothill College to establish four applied AI Learning Laboratories serving two-year STEM students and working adults. These labs will provide immersive, hands-on training aligned with real-world industry use cases and integrated with paid AI apprenticeships at local companies. Consistent with NIST's mission, the project will include research in computer science, hosting scientific and technical workshops, and advise government and industry on technical problems.

Agency: NIST
Bureau/Component: Scientific and Technical Research and Services
Account/Program: Scientific and Technical Research

Thank you for your consideration of my request as you prepare the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2027.

Sincerely,



Sam T. Liccardo
Member of Congress