



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 3, 2024

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the enhancement of the Developing Sustainable Modern Manufacturing Pathways Project at Saint Marys Area School District in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Saint Marys Area School District located at 977 South St. Marys Road, St. Marys, PA 15857.

The funding for this project will be used to purchase equipment needed to fully execute a modern precision machining and manufacturing program as current equipment either does not meet current industry standards or is beyond its useful life. This will complement the Saint Marys Area School District's innovative "Dutch Manufacturing" student-run manufacturing enterprise and directly achieve several local workforce development goals. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve local workforce development, provide valuable skills to members of the community, and boost local economic development.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Thompson".

Glenn "GT" Thompson
Member of Congress