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## Tony Cárdenas Congress of the United States 29th District, California

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for California State University Northridge' Autodesk Technology Engagement Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 18111 Nordhoff Street Northridge, CA 91330.

The funding would be used for the development of a new state-of-the-art facility that will support innovative educational pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics for K-12 students by providing access to cutting-edge equipment and technology to facilitate education-community partnerships and programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide traditionally underserved K-12 students in the San Fernando Valley with educational opportunities to prepare them for the pursuit of STEM related careers, helping them to achieve individual success and meet the future needs of the American workforce.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Department of Commerce- NIST mission and aligns with section 272 of title 15, United State Code. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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