



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 2, 2025

The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Innovation Center Stoughton Youth and Young Adult STEM Education project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Innovation Center Stoughton, Inc.
421 E. Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

The funding would be used to establish a regional innovation center to provide youth and young adult STEM education and programming, including robotics, automation, advanced materials design, and additive manufacturing in south-central Wisconsin. Current schools often do not have the capacity to provide STEM education in advanced tech fields, especially those aligned with NASA's mission. Innovation Center Stoughton's youth and young adult STEM education project will provide the space and educational programming that schools systems cannot, especially in rural areas that will be reached by the ICS project. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it will incorporate programming and materials that directly relate to STEM workforce needs, helping to foster the talent and skills pipeline needed to fulfill NASA's mission.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress