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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tiger Electrical Academy located at 2243 W. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19132. The funding would be used for the Tiger Electrical Academy-Tiger Trades Workforce Initiative.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the initiative represents a high-yield investment in the economic resilience of North Philadelphia and the regional manufacturing supply chain. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds for three primary reasons: 1. Direct Economic ROI: Research on industry-focused job training shows that for every \$1 invested, taxpayers see a return of up to \$3.68 over ten years through increased tax revenue and a significant reduction in public assistance reliance. 2. Addressing the National Labor Crisis: The U.S. currently faces a shortage of over 500,000 electrical and manufacturing workers. 3. Removal of Systematic Barriers: By combining technical training with a dedicated Barrier Reduction Fund (transportation, stipends, and certifications), we ensure that federal funds are utilized efficiently.

The Federal Nexus for this project is **29 U.S.C. 3226 (Section 171 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)**,

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

Sincerely,



Dwight Evans
Member of Congress