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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,775,000 in funding for the Dakota County Technical College Commercial Driving Skills Center project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dakota County Technical College (DCTC), 1300 145th St E. Rosemount, MN 55068.

Funding would be used to assist DCTC enhance its current driving labs. This includes replacing crumbling asphalt on the CDSC with a more durable concrete pad and resurfacing and repairing the Decision Driving Range (DDR). The DDR is a 2-8 mile track and wet skid pad used for both CDL training and safety training for more than 250 agencies, including police departments, paramedics, and state and local transportation departments. The updated labs will host the new Minnesota State Commercial Driver Training Academy, a public-private partnership the planning of which was recently funded by a Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) Grant.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will support economic recovery efforts in the region and make the Southeast corridor a leading area for transportation recruitment and training. It will also help address the severe shortage of commercial drivers in Minnesota.

In accordance with House Rules, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig  
Member of Congress