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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for STEM Education program in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Congolese Integration Network located at 19550 International Blvd. Suite #103 SeaTac, WA 98188. This funding would be used by the Congolese Integration Network to launch an initiative to address the digital disparity in underserved communities by providing basic computing and coding classes aimed at enhancing digital literacy and fostering interest in STEM careers.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the program offers instruction in fundamental digital skills and programming languages like Python and Java, tailored to the needs of participants, with the goal of empowering them towards economic independence and professional growth in technology sectors. This initiative not only aims to provide economic empowerment by opening high-demand employment opportunities but also enhances participation in the digital world, promising substantial public benefits by fostering inclusivity and broadening career horizons in STEM fields for underserved community members.

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

I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress