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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for the Electric Vehicle Automotive Technician Training Center in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Green River College located at 12401 SE 320th St, Auburn, WA 98092.

The funding would be used to upgrade facilities currently used by their automotive technician program to be able to train technicians in electric vehicle (EV) maintenance, addressing the increasing demand for skilled workers in Washington State's rapidly growing EV sector at Green River College's Automotive Technology program. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it upgrades facilities that have a direct benefit to the workforce and training capacity of Green River College. The training program will be able to train up to 180 students annually with an upgraded facility, meeting the labor needs of various employers and providing economic opportunities to historically under-represented populations in STEM fields.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Adam Smith  
Member of Congress