

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Western Oregon University Technology and Data Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Oregon University. The project is located at 388 Knox St N, Monmouth, OR 97361.

Funds will be used for constructions and capital improvements to the data center facility. The center will offer economic benefit by providing training in advanced data and technology career pathways. It will also serve as a community emergency operations center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide previously unavailable educational and training opportunities at Western Oregon University. Additionally, in the wake of a cyber-attack that crippled the local k-12 school district in February 2024, the center will serve as an emergency operations center for the surrounding communities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Andrea Salinas
Member of Congress