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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies bill, I respectfully request funding for Maritime Welding Workforce and Training Facility project in Toledo, Oregon, in the amount of \$2,991,750 within the Committee's Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oregon Coast Community College, located at 400 SE College Way, Newport, Oregon, 97366. The project is located at the Port of Toledo Industrial Park at 625 N Bay Blvd, Toledo, Oregon, 97391.

The funding would be used for the construction of a dedicated workforce and training facility in rural Toledo, Oregon, to allow for the expansion of the Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) Maritime Welding program. Construction of this facility will result in a larger trained workforce for marine welding needs on ships and in ports and build on the momentum of this highly successful, though space-limited, program.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle
Member of Congress