The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Western Nevada College Rural Nursing Expansion and Renovation Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Western Nevada College, located at 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703.

The funding would be used to support the development of a permanent instructional training space for its rural nursing cohort at the Fallon Campus (health facilities, construction, and equipment). Previously, this program was housed in the Churchill County government building. However, in 2020, during the height of the pandemic, the county required use of that space for COVID-19 vaccine storage. In order to continue to provide critical hands-on instruction to nursing students, WNC had no other option but to move the nursing program to its Fallon Campus. The only available space at that time was to supplant the college’s academic skills center (tutoring and student support). This temporary solution provides a cramped area with insufficient learning space, no ability to expand, and displacement of important student support services, such as tutoring. WNC seeks funding to renovate and equip a large classroom conveniently located adjacent to the college’s biology laboratory, allowing synergy between the two programs that will be beneficial to student learning.

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

Sincerely,

Mark E. Amodei  
Member of Congress