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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CAUCUS Chair Emerita

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the <u>Palm Beach State College Quantum Computing Center</u> in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is <u>Palm Beach State College</u>, located at <u>4200 S. Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida 33461</u>. The funding would be used to establish a Center that provides students with advanced technical skills, industryrecognized certifications, and direct pathways to high-demand careers in quantum programming. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because <u>it will help</u> <u>advance knowledge and prepare the workforce in quantum programming development, which</u> <u>is essential in a rapidly evolving world shaped by emerging technologies and rising cyber</u> threats, making our workforce more prepared for the jobs of the future.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in  $\underline{42 \text{ U.S.C. } 5305(a)(4)}$ .

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

Sincerely,

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Lois Frankel Member of Congress