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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to support the launch of the AI Community Launchpad (ACL) within the AI Hub at Fordham University in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fordham University, located at 441 East Fordham Rd. Bronx, NY 10458. The Fordham AI Business Hub will play a crucial role in supporting New York’s AI vision, creating a community-centered multifunctional learning, training, research, and innovation ecosystem. With a 15,000 square foot physical operational core at Fordham University’s Lincoln Center campus, 140 West 62nd Street, New York, NY 10023, the hub will make an impact citywide, serving businesses, K–12 schools, higher education institutions, government agencies, community-based nonprofits, early-stage ventures, and working professionals, as well as Fordham students who will enter the workforce across all economic sectors with expertise in ethical AI.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help tech industry leaders and community partners use AI for a range of basic, but time-consuming business needs like drafting customer service email responses, grant writing, presentation preparation, ideation, workflow planning, creating a basic SEO blog outline, analyzing sales spreadsheets, and more, as identified by community partners. This will accelerate economic growth and business innovation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler  
Member of Congress