



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Orange Coast College Aquaculture Systems Center** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Orange Coast College**, located at **2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92626**.

The funding would be used to construct a state-of-the-art aquaculture systems center that will serve as a dedicated workforce training facility. The center will provide hands-on instruction using industry-standard saltwater and freshwater recirculating aquaculture systems, creating a pipeline of job-ready technicians to meet local workforce needs.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because the center will strengthen regional economic development by equipping local students with skills for well-paying careers, while helping coastal and marine industries address critical labor shortages.

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Min', written over a white background.

Dave Min  
Member of Congress