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

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southern Ohio Electrical Training Academy in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Portsmouth, Ohio located at 728 Second Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662.

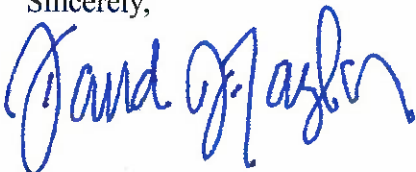
Southern Ohio faces a critical and growing shortage of skilled electrical workers. Across a 10-county service area in southern Ohio, electrical contractors and customers consistently report an inability to find enough qualified electricians to meet project demands. Commercial development, industrial expansion, infrastructure modernization, and new construction activity are accelerating throughout the region, yet the pipeline of trained electrical professionals has not kept pace.

With updated equipment, apprentices will receive more robust hands-on training that allows instructors to address individual skill gaps and learning challenges. This will reduce jobsite delays, improve safety, and ensure contractors have access to workers who can perform effectively from the start.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Congressman David Taylor
Ohio's Second Congressional District