



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Learning Commons: Space for Learning, Meeting and Collaboration Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Burlington County, located at 49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly, NJ 08060. The funding would be used to redesign and refurbish the Burlington County Library and build a new multi-purpose area to provide equitable opportunities for personal improvement and a more informed, educated, and skilled population.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will transform underutilized space at the flagship Burlington County Library into a state-of-the-art Learning Commons that provides free, equitable access to technology, educational programming, and collaborative spaces—benefiting over 460,000 residents, particularly low- and middle-income families, students, and small business owners, and supporting economic, educational, and civic advancement across the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Conaway Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Herb Conaway, Jr., MD (NJ-03)
Congressman