

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Northern Colorado INSPIRE Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Northern Colorado, located at 501 20th Street, Greeley, CO 80639.

This funding will support the design, construction, and implementation of the INSPIRE Learning, Research, and Tutoring Center at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), which aims to provide academic support in literacy, math science, early childhood, and STEM for PreK-12 youth and families in Northern Colorado. The INSPIRE Center will also provide future teachers with practical, hands-on experience in teaching and tutoring, allowing them to develop, implement, and refine instructional strategies in real time. This project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it will establish a space to foster a strong academic foundation that is key to lifelong success for students and economic growth in Weld County.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Gabe Evans
Member of Congress