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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

July 12, 2025

The Honorable Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Suite 71014  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Lutnick:

I am writing to offer my support for Augusta Technical College's application EDA D25 – Implementation – Construction Application #EDA-APP# 00013740. Funding from this grant would enable Augusta Technical College to develop a Center for Excellence in Automotive Technology in the hopes of training over 600 new students and incumbent workers on an annual basis.

The State of Georgia has been ranked the number one place to do business for 10 consecutive years, and the leading growth industry has been EV manufacturing: specifically, battery and automotive manufacturing. However, the number of technicians needed to repair these vehicles is in a deficit due to retirements, as well as the evolving workforce needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, serves the second largest metropolitan statistical area in the state behind metro Atlanta, Augusta, GA with over 615,000 residents. The college, located in my congressional district, has provided quality education for residents of this community for over 60 years. Augusta Tech's current facility is 10,000 square feet and their foundation purchased a 65,000 square foot former Cadillac dealership to become the state's largest training facility.

As the Representative of Georgia's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, I am committed to ensuring the needs of my constituents and request that strong consideration be given to Augusta Technical College's proposal. Thank you for your time and for your very important work in this area.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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