

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
2313 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Shippensburg University's Entrepreneurial Hub in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, located at 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257. The funding will be used to create Shippensburg University's Entrepreneurial Hub.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is modeled after the successful Scranton Small Business Internship Initiative, Shippensburg's Small Business Internship Initiative (SBII) is a collaborative program that will connect small businesses with college and university students throughout the region. This program will establish a sustainable pipeline of paid small business internship opportunities for students and increase visibility into the value of small business and entrepreneurship. This project will provide students with the critical skill development and empirical experience necessary to launch successful businesses. The Entrepreneurial Hub, along with the SBII, will boost regional economic growth, enhance student education, and strengthen the next generation of business leaders by fostering creativity and collaboration with local and regional businesses.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Joyce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress