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STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Interactive Media Lab at the MidTown Collaboration Center in the Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the Cleveland Institute of Art, located at 11610 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow the Cleveland Institute of Art to train students, provide public access to high-quality programming, serve startups, and stoke novel applications in various industries

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Shontel M. Brown  
Member of Congress