



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Immersive Virtual Reality Simulation Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alverno College located at 3400 S. 43th St, Wisconsin, Milwaukee 53234.

The funding would be used to purchase technology, licenses and software to help create a virtual simulation center to help improve the training and quality of in demand nurses. The IVRS Center will include approximately **24 VR learning stations**, enabling full-cohort or rotating simulation participation. Each station will include VR headsets, VR-ready computing equipment, charging and storage systems, and supporting display technology.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in advanced nursing education infrastructure contributes to the long-term strength of Wisconsin's healthcare economy by reducing workforce shortages, supporting patient care quality, and improving access to services for residents across urban and regional communities. The virtual simulation technology will allow for training in high-acuity patient care scenarios that mirror real clinical environments while allowing students to practice critical decision-making without risk to patients.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress