



March 8, 2023

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kaine:

On behalf of the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my support for Northeastern University Arlington's pursuit of Artificial Intelligence (AI) equipment acquisition for educational, workforce, cybersecurity, and defense applicability. Funding for AI equipment will better equip the workforce in Rosslyn and surrounding region.

Our workforce will need to know how to implement and operate this technology as a growing number of employers implement these systems nationwide.

With the creation of the Kostas Research Institute (KRI) space in Arlington, VA, the purchase of equipment to be placed in a lab in partnership with community and local industry access will increase our region's capacity to prepare our workforce for the future of AI. The equipment purchased with CDS funding will be appropriately maintained and shared with community stakeholders to provide opportunities for cutting edge research and in-demand training with direct application to Rosslyn's tech industry for people who want to live and work in the area.

This equipment will bolster NOVA's continued leadership as a technological hub, and investing in innovation and workforce development supports our economic resilience. We fully support Northeastern University's ongoing efforts to create a space with the equipment needed to educate students, community members, and industry leaders in the interest of technological advancement, workforce agility, and economic development.

Thank you for your consideration of this CDS request, and for being a champion of innovation for Virginia.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Clemente
Vice President of Government Relations



Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce