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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 El Rancho Unified School District Science and Innovation Project.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Rancho Unified School District at 8910 Slauson Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660.

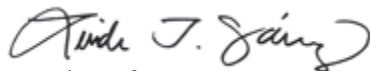
The funds will be used to construct a modern Science and Innovation building for El Rancho High School. The new building will replace outdated facilities demolished in 2019. The two-story facility will house eight spacious classrooms with storage and restroom facilities on each floor. The Science and Innovation building will also provide state-of-the-art laboratories to enhance STEM education and improve academic achievement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because funding will improve educational opportunities and academic outcomes for public school students pursuing STEM education. El Rancho Unified School District's demographic makeup is 97.2% Hispanic/Latino and 76.3% of its students are socioeconomically disadvantaged, so it is critical to provide tailored support to narrow achievement gaps and ensure equal opportunities for all students.

The project's federal nexus is under 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress