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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for the Whittier High School Athletic Field Renovation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Whittier Union High School District, located at 9401 South Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605. The funding would be used to incorporate competitive athletic lighting into a planned, comprehensive modernization of the outdoor athletic facilities at Whittier High School. This investment will expand the impact of a broader \$11,000,000 facility renovation by enabling evening use of the upgraded complex—extending athletic programming, increasing community access, and supporting student health and academic achievement.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it unlocks significantly greater utility from an investment the community is already making. The broader athletic facility renovation at Whittier High School is already planned and funded. This request would add competitive lighting and additional synthetic turf, extending facility use into evening hours. Lighting eliminates a scheduling bottleneck that currently limits how many teams can practice and compete on any given day—meaning more students are served by the same infrastructure at no additional land or construction cost. This return on federal investment is compounded by the Joint Use Agreement between the Whittier Union High School District and the City of Whittier, which ensures the illuminated complex serves the broader public beyond school hours—effectively making two public institutions the beneficiary of a single federal investment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez  
Member of Congress