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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gates Street Early Education Center Site Improvements project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Unified School District located at 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

This request is to create an outdoor learning environment for preschoolers at the Gates Street Early Education Center by transforming the existing playground into distinct activity zones, including natural play areas, planting sections, shaded spots, and seating. Proposed work includes replacing playground matting; adding trees, native plants, and shrubs; installing new paving and color coating; and adding raised planters, a toddler climbing set, an outdoor dining area, a tricycle path, and new site furnishings.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it makes a targeted capital improvement to an existing public early education facility that serves approximately 90 students and their households annually, many of whom are low and moderate income. The project will give preschool children daily access to a safe, developmentally appropriate outdoor classroom where they can explore the natural world while also supporting physical activity and supervised play. By improving accessibility, shade, landscaping, and the overall usability of the site, the project will create a more functional and durable space for students, teachers, and families in an underserved community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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 "Jimmy Gomez".

Jimmy Gomez
Member of Congress