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April 28, 2021

34TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

I am requesting \$350,000 for Youth Workforce Services (YWS) in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Para Los Niños (PLN) located at 5000 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90027. For 17 years, PLN has prepared thousands of young adults (ages 14-24) for success in education and the workforce through their robust YWS. The purpose is for youth to complete a high school diploma or equivalent certificate within a year and enroll in college, vocational training, or enter the workforce. PLN has a special focus on foster, justice involved, parenting, and homeless youth in North-East, East, and Central Los Angeles, and works with 2,000 youth annually.

The funding would be used to provide academic and career counseling, intense case management, college preparation (SAT; scholarships; financial aid), internships, mentorships, leadership development, vocational training, job placement, and mental health services.

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

Sincerely,

Jimmy Gomez Member of Congress