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March 27, 2026

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 UCLA Bruin Collaborative – Workforce Development Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Regents of the University of California | University of California, Los Angeles located at 10889 Wilshire Blvd Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

The funding for this project will accelerate the permanent build out of the Bruin Collaborative, an Integrated Workforce Development hub and Civic Convening space. This funding supports construction on the sixth floor of downtown Los Angeles’s historic Trust Building. This public-university-led infrastructure provides underserved, non-traditional adult learners with accessible, workforce-aligned programs that accelerate pathways to quality jobs.

This is a valuable use taxpayer because it delivers measurable economic returns in Downtown Los Angeles—an area strong in high-demand sectors including Professional, Scientific & Technical Services, Retail Trade, and Public Administration, which account for nearly 48% of employment—yet lacking higher education and workforce training access. As nearly half of postsecondary students are working adults over 25, UCLA Extension and the Bruin Collaborative will provide flexible, workforce-aligned pathways for underserved adult learners. The project will expand credentials, paid work experience, job placement, wages, and local hiring while increasing tax revenues and the strengthening of small businesses and transit utilization.

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