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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for PUENTE Learning Center Facility renovation project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is PUENTE Learning Center located at 501 South Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles, 90033. The funding would be used for renovating PUENTE Learning Center's main facility at 501 S. Boyle Ave in Boyle Heights, which has served as a source of pride and a community center welcoming a multi-generational and ethnically diverse mix of children, youth, and adults. The scope of work to the 29-year-old facility includes the replacement of some existing Kalwall panels on exterior walls, the addition of two exterior exit stairs, and seismic upgrades to building that will increase public assembly on second floor with an E-occupancy load greater than 300.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide annual benefits to the city and community, including housing high-quality PreK to elementary school programs serving over 300 students resulting in the one of the highest reclassification rates for English Learner students, college access and success services for over 500 youth, and over 1,000 adults accessing ESL, citizenship, high school completion, and career skills classes. Serving over 120,000 individuals since 1985, annual benefits to the district include: high-quality PreK to elementary school programs serving over 300 students resulting in the one of the highest reclassification rates for English Learner students at 36%, college access and success services for over 500 youth, and over 1,000 adults accessing ESL, citizenship, high school completion, and career skills classes. PUENTE is creating a brighter future for low-income families with the transformative power of high-quality education.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Jimmy Gomez  
Member of Congress