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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hillery T. Broadous Early Education Center Outdoor Learning Center for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Unified School District, located at 333 S Beaudry Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90017.

The project funding would be used to create an outdoor learning environment for students at the Hillery T. Broadous Early Education Center in Pacoima, California, by transforming the playground into activity zones with natural play areas, planting, shade, and seating.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides preschool children daily access to nature-based learning and a nearby space to explore plants, insects, and the natural world. By improving accessibility and adding green space, it supports healthier child development, strengthens outdoor education, and promotes community wellbeing in an underserved area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(2) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luz M. Rivas".

Luz M. Rivas
Member of Congress
California's Twenty-Ninth Congressional District