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

March 19, 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 Los Angeles Valley College Fire Prep Pathway (FPP) Program for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Valley College, located at 5800 Fulton Ave. Valley Glen, CA 91401.

The funding would be used to increase the training capacity and strengthen the regional pipeline of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). This project will help prepare community members for entry into fire academies serving county, state, and federal agencies. The Los Angeles Valley College FPP Program will create a hands-on curriculum with guided cohorts, active simulations, physical conditioning, mentorship, and industry-aligned curriculum. The program includes three career tracks to help train a future fire and EMT workforce. The three career tracks are: Wildland Fire Track, Urban Fire/LAFD Track, and EMT Career Track.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase and improve the fire service and EMT workforce. This is consistent with and supportive of the National Institute of Standards & Technology's (NIST) mission.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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