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

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Los Angeles Mission College's Pacoima Center Land Acquisition for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Los Angeles Mission College, located at 13356 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA 91342.

The funding would be used to purchase and develop a .64-acre lot into a parking facility to support the growing demand for workforce training programs in the region. This expansion addresses limited parking access in one of the most densely populated areas of Los Angeles County and will enable the college to increase annual student participation from 1,000 to over 2,000, while creating a clear economic benefit for the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed land acquisition will provide significant, long-term economic benefits for the workforce in CA-29 and the state of California. This project will empower residents to pursue higher education and seize employment opportunities in the medical and health services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 5305(a)(1) – the acquisition of real property which is blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed from the standpoint of sound community development and growth.

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 Rivas".

Luz Rivas
Member of Congress