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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for LAUSD Early Education Center Site Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Los Angeles Unified School District, located at 333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The funding would be used to construct an outdoor learning environment for students at the Logan Early Education Center by transforming the existing playground into activity zones with natural play areas, planting, shade, and seating.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it integrates learning, play, and environmental awareness within an existing school infrastructure. No enhancements have been made to the Early Education Center's outdoor area in the last 22 years. The outdoor classroom will provide natural play areas, planting zones, and shaded activity areas that support early childhood development while introducing students to nature and outdoor learning. By improving an existing playground rather than building new facilities, the project maximizes the value of public investment while creating a healthier, more engaging environment for students. Through increasing accessibility and adding green space, this project supports healthier child development, strengthens outdoor education, and promotes community wellbeing.

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,



Laura Friedman
Member of Congress