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March 31, 2023

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

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

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "Utility and Water Improvements at San Diego College of Continuing Education" project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$2,354,734.05. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Community College District located at 3375 Camino del Rio S, San Diego, CA 92108.

This project would improve restrooms at the San Diego College of Continuing Education, which were constructed in the 1970s and require an upgrade. The restrooms are inefficient and use far more water than necessary, increasing our water expenses and posing health risks to our community. In addition, the restrooms do not meet current ADA standards, which creates barriers for individuals with disabilities and prevents them from fully participating in campus life.

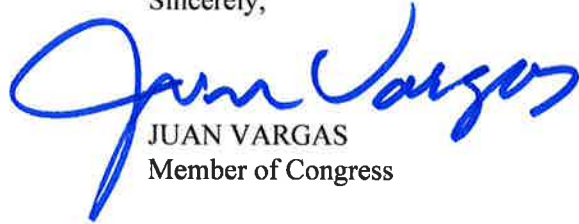
This is a good use of taxpayer resources because there are substantial gains to a local community college by upgrading its restrooms with water-efficient fixtures. Installing low-flow toilets, faucets, and showerheads would reduce water usage by up to 50%. This will lead to significant cost savings and help achieve sustainability goals. In addition, upgrading the restrooms will improve restroom hygiene and reduce health risks to the community. Installing touchless fixtures will reduce the spread of germs and bacteria, creating a healthier environment for the students, faculty, and staff. Ensuring ADA compliance in the restrooms is also critical. By making the restrooms accessible to individuals with disabilities, it can create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all community members. This will allow individuals with disabilities to participate in campus life fully, access all the campus areas, and pursue their educational and career goals without barriers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

This project has received written support from SD Community College Chancellor, San Diego Oceans Foundation, and the Middle Class Taxpayer Association.

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, appearing to read "Juan Vargas", is written over the printed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Vargas".

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress