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March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Safety Fencing Upgrades project in fiscal year 2027, in the amount of \$295,000. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Unified School District, located at 4100 Normal Street, San Diego, CA 92103.

This project would support updates to existing fencing and installation of new fencing around outdoor spaces used by elementary school students. The fencing updates would ensure that outdoor spaces—including a playground for Early Childhood Special Education and a joint use field—can effectively keep unauthorized individuals from posing a safety threat to students. The campuses to receive the fencing improvements include Pacific View Leadership Elementary and Rodriguez Elementary. This project comes in response to recent incidents on or near school campuses that required precautionary lockdowns or emergency responses. Following the incidents, district leadership worked with principals to identify specific updates that could improve student safety, and the District's 2025-26 school safety survey identified fencing updates as a critical safety and infrastructure need.

This project is a good use of federal funds because it will help ensure that students have protected and safe outdoor environments to play and learn.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. §§ 5305(a)(2) & (4).

This project has broad support from a large network of partners and stakeholders, including California Assemblymember Christopher Ward, California State Senator Akilah Weber Pierson, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, City of San Diego Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee, and City of San Diego Councilmember Henry Foster III.

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

Thank you for your consideration of funding for these programs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Senior Legislative Assistant, Michael Rivas, at [michael.rivas@mail.house.gov](mailto:michael.rivas@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "V".

Juan Vargas  
Member of Congress