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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515-0605

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-305, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Lemon Grove Early Childhood Education Center Bus Fleet Expansion in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lemon Grove School District, located at 8025 Lincoln Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The funding would be used to expand the Early Childhood Education Center's bus fleet capabilities, including building EV charging infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because many families in the Lemon Grove community cannot afford preschool education and often forego this part of their child's development and education. U.S. Census shows nearly one in five children in the city of Lemon Grove (16.2%) is living below poverty – exceeding averages for the San Diego region, for California, and for the U.S. Without the ECEC – and without adequate transportation to access it – parents often forego this crucial part of their child's development and education.

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,

Sara Jaco Member of Congress