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June 4, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Linda Vista Branch Library, Outdoor Early Learning Patio Project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of San Diego, and the project is located at 2160 Ulric St, San Diego, CA 92111.

The funding would be used by the City of San Diego to expand an outdoor children's area and homework center at the Linda Vista Branch Library. The Linda Vista Branch Library serves all ages but is most heavily used by families with young children. If expanded and enhanced, the outdoor area/patio would more than double the space devoted to early learning and family support. The Do Your Homework @ the Library center is the busiest in San Diego each year by a substantial margin. This reflects the demographics of the area but also the importance of public educational supports for this substantially immigrant, working-class community. The neighborhood is urban and is identified by the San Diego Foundation as "parks-poor." In a 2018 local community survey, "access to nature" tied for third out of 12 neighborhood-need responses. The patio expansion plan is driven by these dual priorities, will directly improve provision of many library programs, and aligns with current research which finds that nature-based play is among the best modes for early childhood cognitive development.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Jacobs".

SARA JACOBS
Member of Congress