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April 27, 2022

Rep. Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC, 20515

Rep. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Hope Builders project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Orange, located at 801 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Hope Builders moves young people from poverty to prosperity. It recruits disadvantaged young adults—ages 18-28—and empowers them with the skills and support needed to meet the needs of local employers. Hope Builders works to address two key challenges in Orange County, that are also significant national challenges: 1) Employers lack a skilled, reliable pipeline for middle skill jobs; and 2) Young adults who live in low-income neighborhoods often lack access to upwardly mobile employment.

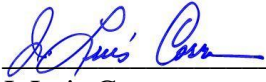
Support will enable Hope Builders to expand its capacity to achieve the following: 1) Increase the number of young adults it connects to career pathways (from 199 in FY 2022 to 350 in FY 2024) Over the past few months Hope Builders has worked to identify the existing market share of Orange County young adults, who fall within its target population, and is now developing a strategy to effectively expand its recruitment and ultimately increase enrollment of young adults into its training programs for construction, healthcare, and information technology careers. 2) Increase organizational sustainability and support growth goals.

Funding for the project will be for 2 locations:

- 810 N. Poinsettia, Santa Ana, CA 92701
- 100 N. Harbor Blvd., Suite 200, Anaheim, CA 92805

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

Sincerely,



J. Luis Correa
Member of Congress