

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Childcare Development Center Rehabilitation in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Long Beach Community College District, located at 4901 E. Carson St., Long Beach CA 90808.

The Childcare Development Center Rehabilitation project would make several long overdue improvements and upgrades to support the multiple childcare programs utilized by families, enrolled students, employees, and community members at Long Beach City College. The funding would be used to make improvements to the facility through the acquisition and installation of several playground structures, including new climbing structures, interactive chalk art spinners, outdoor musical instruments, and science learning stations and panels. The current CDC lab school and playground is now almost 19 years old. The current equipment is falling apart and beyond repair. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer resources as it will facilitate the provision of critical childcare services for a diverse community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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 "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Garcia
Member of Congress