Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–4320

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Palo Alto College - Southside Community Baseball Field project in Fiscal Year 27. The entity to receive funding for this project is Palo Alto College located at 1400 W Villaret Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78224.

This funding would be used to construct a new Baseball Field and Athletic Complex at the Palo Alto College Campus in San Antonio to provide a permanent venue for student-athletes, local high schools, and youth leagues while hosting tournaments and community events.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands publicly available recreational infrastructure, strengthens local engagement, and positions Palo Alto College as a hub for athletic, educational, and workforce opportunities. Additionally, the project would reinforce Palo Alto College's role as a public anchor institution serving the Southside of San Antonio.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5305(a)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), as amended.

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

Sincerely,

Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress