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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 2051

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for **Leveraging Group Resources for Students' Future Success** in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Communities in Schools of San Antonio, located at:

1616 E. Commerce St.,
San Antonio, TX 78205

The funding would be used to allow Communities in Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA) to expand into fourteen high-need San Antonio ISD schools in my congressional district, Texas-20, ensuring 1,050 students and families receive consistent support as they recover from the pandemic. CIS-SA will implement wraparound support services, using a "whole-child" approach to address the social-emotional and mental health needs of at-risk youth and facilitate positive outcomes in the areas of academics, behavior, and engagement.

The CIS-SA model is a successful dropout prevention program promoted by the Texas Education Agency as an effective best practice for early mental health prevention and intervention. According to a 2012 economic impact study conducted by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc., one of the nation's leading economic modeling firms, the benefit/cost ratio is 11.6. Additionally, the project is styled as a public private partnership, so funds will be matched by private philanthropy funds as well as other governmental funds.

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

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress