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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 **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Access in Workforce Initiative** in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Project QUEST, Inc., located at:

800 Quintana Rd Building 8,
San Antonio, TX 78211

The funding would be used for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Access (IDEA) in Workforce Initiative that will address the upskilling and reskilling of historically underserved populations by providing the direct delivery of services and wraparound support services for education, training, and/or certifications leading to in-demand and living-wage career pathways. The wraparound services will include academic and skill assessment, academic remediation, career mapping and coaching, college and technical education, soft skill training, and financial assistance. After graduation, QUEST also assists participants in securing long-term employment with a living-wage salary, benefits, and the opportunity for growth.

During the current economic slowdown and global recession due to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, Project QUEST is poised to serve the people of the Texas-20 congressional district, and the surrounding San Antonio area in order to meet the job training and job readiness needs for the displaced labor force. Ultimately, the proposed IDEA in Workforce Initiative will enable the families in San Antonio to grow and prosper.

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

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress