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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

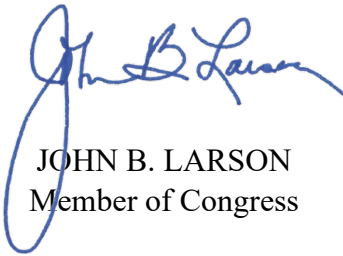
I am requesting funding for the Goodwin University CTRA Magnet Middle School Building Construction project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Goodwin University Educational Services (GUES) located at One Riverside Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118. The funding would be used to initiate the design and development of a new middle school estimated to cost \$84,650,000. Recently, CTRA high school expanded to middle grades 6 – 8, and utilizes two Goodwin University buildings as a temporary measure. The buildings were initially intended to accommodate 150 students by FY2023, but currently serve 231 students. GUES now aims to develop a state-of-the art school for a projected 500 students and will meet its mission as an interdistrict magnet school in accordance with the Sheff v. O'Neill agreement and all laws applicable to public schools.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because GUES was a direct response to the Sheff v. O'Neill settlement to help reform and provide equal education for Hartford students and racial integration among suburban school settings. The planned development of a middle school building will increase the number of magnet school seats available for students in the community to 500 from the current 231. A designated middle school building will also provide students with access to a proper gymnasium, auditorium, and cafeteria space as well art and technology classrooms which are essential to the personal and educational growth of students.

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/or 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, reading "John B. Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.

JOHN B. LARSON
Member of Congress