

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H 307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Learning Center Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pala Band of Mission Indians, located at 11790 Pala Mission Circle, Pala, CA 92059.

The funding would be used to pursue a facilities expansion of the Pala Learning Center to serve the special needs of the Native American youth that live on the Pala reservation. Currently, the facility does not provide adequate space to serve students that need speech pathology therapy, occupational therapy, and behavior therapy.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand a rural tribe's Community Learning Facility to accommodate special needs students' educational needs – which fulfills the intended purpose of the Community Facilities Grant Program as an educational facility providing essential services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 7, Chapter 50, Subchapter III, Section 1926 (7 U.S.C. § 1926).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Issa", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Darrell Issa  
Member of Congress