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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro,  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Service, Education, and  
Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole,  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Service, Education, and  
Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

As you begin your critical work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I strongly urge your inclusion of \$1,953,18 for the County of Santa Clara Office of Education to provide broadband internet services to students in the Lakeside Joint School District and the Loma Prieta Joint Union School Districts. This Community Project Funding request is associated with the Department of Education's Elementary and Secondary Education Innovation & Improvement Account.

Lakeside and Loma Prieta School Districts are located in a rural, mountainous area of Santa Clara County in my Congressional District. Despite living just a few miles from Silicon Valley, many students in these school districts lack access to reliable internet. These students were severely disadvantaged by online instruction during the Covid-19 pandemic, and while schools have returned to in-person instruction, these students continue to face challenges in accessing online educational materials and completing coursework at home.

The requested funding will allow the Santa Clara County Office of Education to deliver broadband services to students in these school districts to improve internet connectivity. These non-construction technology upgrades and devices will help students access coursework, government benefits, telehealth services, college and career opportunities, and other important services online.

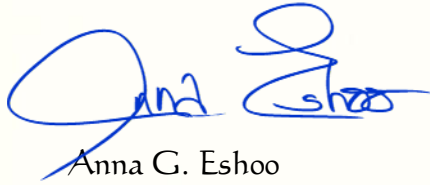
As an indication of local support, I've enclosed a resolution adopted unanimously by the Santa Clara County Board of Education in support of expanding students' access

to the internet. I've also enclosed letters of support from the following elected officials and community leaders, including every member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors:

- The Honorable Peter Ortiz, President, Santa Clara County Board of Education
- The Honorable Dave Cortese, Senator, California State Senate
- The Honorable John Laird, Senator, California State Senate
- The Honorable Robert Rivas, Assemblymember, California State Assembly
- The Honorable Mike Wasserman, President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Susan Ellenberg, Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Otto Lee, Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable S. Joseph Simitian, Supervisor, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

If enacted, this request would help promote digital equity and close the homework gap by ensuring underserved students have access to the internet and do not fall further behind their peers, and it's why I wholeheartedly support this Community Project Funding request and ask that you do so as well.

Most gratefully,



Anna G. Eshoo

Enclosures