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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Robert Frost Elementary School Safety Retrofit Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Granite School District, located at 3444 West 4400 South, West Valley City, UT 84629.

The funding would be used to strengthen critical structural and nonstructural components of Robert Frost Elementary School to significantly reduce the risk of collapse or severe damage during a major earthquake, protecting hundreds of students, staff, and community members. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests in proactive hazard mitigation that reduces the long-term costs associated with disaster response, recovery, and rebuilding. By strengthening Robert Frost Elementary School against earthquake damage, the project will significantly reduce the risk of structural failure, protect approximately 270–300 students and school personnel who occupy the building each day, and help prevent costly emergency repairs and extended school closures following a major seismic event.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess Owens", with a long, sweeping underline.

Burgess Owens  
Member of Congress