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Leroy M. Morishita, President  
California State University East Bay  
25800 Carlos Bee Boulevard  
Hayward, CA 94542

Dear President Morishita,

I am pleased to support California State University, East Bay's Hayward Promise Neighborhood Partnership (HPNP) application to the U.S. Department of Education's Promise Neighborhoods Implementation Program. This important program has the potential to transform and significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children in one of the most distressed neighborhoods in my congressional district.

The funding from this grant will provide HPNP the opportunity to offer students and families living in the Jackson Triangle neighborhood in Hayward the level of services necessary to ensure student academic success and neighborhood revitalization during these difficult economic times. The HPNP initiative will benefit this community by providing critical cradle-to-college-to-career academic supports and wrap around services to an underserved population and will have a positive impact on educational achievement and the overall health and social-emotional well-being of these students and their families.

As a nation, it is critical that we provide all children with an opportunity to succeed regardless of their backgrounds or economic circumstances. The HPNP can help provide opportunity to the children in South Hayward and surround them with the supports needed to be successful.

I look forward to our continued partnership in this outstanding effort to promote neighborhood revitalization and student achievement in Hayward.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark  
Member of Congress