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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$285,000 in funding for the Black Integrated Community Engagement Program in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is NAACP - Hayward/South Alameda County, 1218 B Street, Hayward, CA 9454.

The funding would be used to improve parent participation and student academic performance in mathematics and English Language Arts for African American families. Currently, the Hayward Unified School District ("HUSD") consists of 32 schools and serves more than 20,000 students, of whom 1,370 identify themselves as African American. This is a vulnerable population that routinely experiences the most negative outcomes of any student subgroup according to key HUSD performance measures.

Although state law has suspended the reporting of academic performance indicators due to the COVID-19 pandemic, current data reflects that approximately 45% of African American HUSD students are performing below state benchmarks in English Language Arts, and nearly 80% are performing below state benchmarks in Math. Data shows that as these students continue to underperform, they will more likely engage in risky behaviors that lead to teen pregnancy and incarceration.

Their program will serve 75% of the most at-risk students in the target population, and up to 500 families will benefit. Using the newly developed curriculum they will offer evening classes for parents and virtual student classes portals; offer an intensive six-week summer course on English and Math basics for Black HUSD K-12 students; utilize Community Outreach Coordinators to advertise classes, research priorities, as well as encourage and monitor parent and family participation in student academic progress; help HUSD develop and integrate effective

pedagogical skills into its math and English Language curriculum for African-American students; and provide Chromebooks for checkout for family literacy and skill-building.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Swalwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress