

September 29, 2009

Ms. Donna Kelly  
Employment and Training Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW. Room N4716  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Ms. Kelly:

I am writing to support the Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD) and its application for funding through the U.S. Department of Labor's Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries program grant.

According to the California Department of Finance, California's population is expected to increase by 10 million people by the year 2020, and projects that more than 6 million people will be 65 years of age or older. This increase in the senior citizen population represents a 75% increase since 2000. As California's population ages, older people will be retiring and leaving the workforce, while at the same time increasing the demand for health care services.

LRCCD proposes to use DOL funding to establish a HealthForce Institute to meet the steadily increasing demand for qualified healthcare professionals. Through this program, LRCCD will create regional training programs that will graduate medical laboratory technologists, ultrasound technicians, provide training in digital medical record keeping, and maintain an already increased rate of graduating registered nurses. LRCCD has established a strong working relationship with Sacramento's leading healthcare providers, including Sutter Health. This partnership has allowed students in the medical technician and nursing programs to train with working professionals.

I am pleased with the outstanding work of the staff, faculty and students of the Los Rios Community College District, and to support it as its grant application. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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DORIS O. MATSUI  
Member of Congress