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Kenneth M. Young  
Riverside County Office of Education  
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Dear Mr. Kenneth Young,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for an application from the Riverside County Office of Education for the California Career Pathways Trust program. I believe that this type of project is exactly what our region needs in order to provide our community with the education and skills necessary to obtain employment in a high-skilled, high-wage field.

For more than twenty years, I have worked to improve the lives of Riverside County residents, both as an elected official and as a teacher. My career has included teaching in the Rialto Unified School District, serving as president on the Riverside Community College District's Board of Trustees, and now representing the people of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley and Perris in the United States Congress. In Congress, I currently serve on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and the House Science, Space and Technology Committee. I have consistently worked to improve higher education for young people and job training opportunities for adults seeking to learn a new skill or start a new career.

I support the California Department of Education and the Riverside County Office of Education's efforts to strengthen elementary science and math education and encourage partnerships between community colleges, high schools, and industry to create more engaging and challenging classroom instruction. I believe in expanding Job Training and Career Technical Education, to provide students the resources to train for good-paying jobs earlier and prepare them for the jobs of the future.

This is project will be a huge investment in our region that will attract and retain good-paying jobs. RCOE and the CCPT consortium have my full support for this endeavor. Your full and fair consideration of this request within current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano  
Member of Congress