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Contact: Dr. Matthew Isaac, Executive Director  
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**Re: Grant Opportunity #SGA-DFA-PY-13-07 “H1-B Ready to Work Partnership Grant”**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of a grant proposal from San Bernardino Community College Economic Development & Corporate Training Center, “Retooling the Workforce for Nanotechnology” (RTW4NanoTech), in partnership with area stakeholders, including UC Riverside. The \$8,644,012.12 request for funding will primarily serve the long-term unemployed in the entire Inland Empire region. The plan includes regional collaboration in aligning resources to increase the skills of the unemployed and provide new opportunities for skilled high-value jobs.

This proposal will address a critical need in the region to create new opportunities for area residents, and especially the long-term unemployed, to rapidly transition into high-growth occupations requiring at a minimum a high-school diploma, certifications, and/or some college classes. This project will provide this opportunity.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Congressional District is at the center of this need and this proposal will both further the collaboration between San Bernardino Community College and UC Riverside in aligning training/education programs to specifically address the needs of this community. This project offers the opportunity to deliver new training for a growing field across industries and to better prepare the local workforce for the current jobs and the developing jobs of the future.

I share the strong commitment in this proposal to address this need with new partnerships and new opportunities. Your full and fair consideration of this request with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Takano  
Member of Congress