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March 10, 2026

The Honorable Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: University of La Verne FY27 LHHS-E Funding Support

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, I am writing to express our strong support for University of La Verne's request for Congressionally Directed Spending through the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS-E) bill under the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) account for Fiscal Year 2027.

The University of La Verne seeks funding to expand a proven education and workforce development model serving active-duty service members, veterans, and military-affiliated students. Through its School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPaCE), the university delivers instruction using hybrid, in-person, synchronous telepresence, and asynchronous modalities that accommodate the unique scheduling and mobility demands of military life. The University of La Verne brings more than 50 years of experience serving military-connected learners and currently enrolls hundreds of veterans and military-affiliated students through long-standing partnerships with Southern California military installations and dedicated veterans support services.

As a local government and regional workforce partner, the City of La Verne recognizes the importance of flexible, high-quality postsecondary education that translates military training and leadership experience into civilian credentials aligned with regional workforce demand. The University of La Verne is a vital community institution whose graduates contribute to the economic vitality of our region and whose workforce-focused programs help strengthen the pipeline of skilled professionals serving local governments, businesses, and nonprofit organizations across Southern California.

Federal support would allow the university to scale existing capacity, expand access to additional military communities, and strengthen student support, instructional delivery, and workforce-aligned credential pathways. This project would improve access to and the quality of postsecondary education for military-affiliated students while supporting successful career transitions into high-demand civilian occupations.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We respectfully urge inclusion of the University of La Verne's project in the final Fiscal Year 2027 LHHS-E appropriations bill under the FIPSE account.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
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