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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senator  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Support for California State University, San Bernardino's \$2.49 Million Community Project Funding Request for Regional Entrepreneurial Resource Centers**

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I am pleased to express our support for California State University, San Bernardino's \$2.49 million Community Project Funding request for the Regional Entrepreneurial Resource Centers program.

The Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship at California State University, San Bernardino is the largest entrepreneurial support organization in the Inland Empire dedicated to providing innovative programs and educational resources to aspiring and existing entrepreneurs and small business owners. Since 2000, the Center has leveraged university, federal, state, local, and private funding to develop and deliver entrepreneurial training and small business counseling services to more than 213,552 businesses. These efforts have resulted in an economic impact of over \$1.013 billion, supported more than 62,459 jobs, and led to the launch of more than 2,839 distinct startups.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of CSUSB's congressional directed spending request of \$2.49 million to support the Regional Entrepreneurial Resource Centers program serving the Inland Empire, including locations in Palm Desert, Temecula, and San Bernardino.

Sincerely,

Evan Trubee  
Mayor, City of Palm Desert