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Dear Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2025 National McNair Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

The McNair Research Scholars Program, inspired by the work of the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, was created with a goal of motivating and supporting first-generation and low-income students. This federal TRIO initiative provides an incredible opportunity for undergraduate students to prepare themselves for doctoral studies through a combination of rigorous training, involvement in research, and additional scholarly activities. The program would not be possible without the true leadership and dedication of student scholars as they participate in their intensive project-based endeavors.

This conference provides a platform for students to experience a professional research event and to present their inquiries before an interdisciplinary community. The McNair program remains an asset to UCLA, the 36th Congressional District of California, and our nation.

Congratulations to all McNair participants and my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted W. Lieu".

Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress