The Latino Scholars program is a valuable tool for Newark students

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(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Albio Sires voted today for the FY 2008 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, which included $100,000 for the Latino Scholars Program offered by The Latino Institute of Newark.

National statistics indicate that Latino students are not graduating from college at the same rate as white students, and are not entering graduate schools in large numbers. The Pew Hispanic institute reports that young Hispanic undergraduates are half as likely as their white peers on campus to finish a bachelor's degree, a disparity similar to high school graduation rates.

The Latino Scholars Program helps outstanding Hispanic students to complete their degrees and enter graduate schools by providing mentoring and financial support.

"Although many Hispanic students go on to college and complete their degrees, others drop out. It is important that we provide the extra push they need to ensure these students stay on the road to success. Their education is an investment that will pay off for decades," said Congressman Sires.