WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement regarding her vote to support additional funding for the Education Jobs Fund, which will help local school districts retain or create jobs and modernize, renovate, and repair public education facilities:

"Drastic budget cuts in California have resulted in record layoffs at our schools. But students aren't the only ones who will suffer. Our long-term economic recovery depends on our students being able to compete in a 21st century economy. And to do that, they need quality educators who have the resources to make sure they succeed. The amendment I voted for would add $10 billion for the Educations Jobs Fund, which will help retain or create over 360 jobs for teachers in our community. These are the kinds of smart investments that will help get the state's economy *and* education system back on track."