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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship's (CIE) North Cascades Community Enterprise Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship, located at 325 Pine Street, Suite A, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

This funding would enable the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (CIE) to scale up operations in rural Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties to provide technical assistance, business classes, and one-on-one training to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in disadvantaged communities. Through a partnership with the Washington State Small Business Development Center (SBDC), CIE provides an on-ramp for entrepreneurs to start or grow small businesses. Last year at CIE's Port Angeles, WA location, approximately 230 entrepreneurs in the program received business training and 45 entrepreneurs either started a business, expanded operations, or accessed capital.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Suzan K. DelBene

Member of Congress