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## Congress of the United States **House of Representatives**

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Bothell Woodcrest Utility Replacement Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bothell, located at 18415 101st Ave NE Bothell WA, 98011. The funding would be used for the City of Bothell to replace failing water, sewage, surface, and stormwater utility systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow for the expedited replacement of failing water, sewer, and stormwater systems for a vulnerable seniors' community without the means to make these critical investments on their own. The environmental benefits of the project extend beyond the community to the broader region. Significantly reducing system failure will save local tax dollars spent on maintenance, operations, environmental remediation and emergency response. The proposed activities to be funded fall squarely under the authorized purposes of the STAG program and Clean Water Act.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Suzan K. DelBene

Member of Congress