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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 Early Learning Center Childcare Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lake Washington Institute of Technology located at 11605 132nd Avenue NE, Kirkland, Washington, 98034-8506. The funding would be used for to replace portable classrooms used for the Early Learning Center at Lake Washington Institute of Technology.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports both workforce development and regional economic mobility. Funding for this project will replace portable classrooms used for the Early Learning Center (ELC) at Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech). This will allow LWTech to continue offering high-quality, low-cost childcare for 114 children of college students, employees, and residents of the 1st Congressional District. This renovation increases the number of children served from 74 to 114, an increase of 54%. The ELC is currently housed in portable buildings that have outlived their lifespan and must be replaced; this funding will allow LWTech to construct a modern, safe, and accessible childcare center.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C § 9857. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Suzan K. DelBene  
Member of Congress