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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 Lake Stevens Early Learning Library for fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sno-Isle Intercounty Rural Library District located at 7312 35th Ave NE, Marysville 98271. The funding would be used for the Lake Stevens Early Learning Library, which will serve the city's 42,000 residents with interactive children's spaces, meeting and focus rooms, and outdoor gathering areas to encourage community learning and resiliency.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address essential infrastructure needs in a fast-growing community while delivering significant economic and social benefits. The project generates immediate economic impact through construction jobs and creating permanent library positions. With features like dedicated children's and teen areas, flexible meeting spaces, and outdoor gathering spaces, the library will provide invaluable resources to one of the fastest-growing communities in the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 20 U.S.C. § 9101. 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