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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Snohomish County's Chinook Marsh – Construction Phase I project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Snohomish County, located at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201.

The funding would be used for habitat restoration construction including channel construction, wood placement, and levee setback preparation in order to restore 430 acres of tidal habitat. The Chinook Marsh project will provide additional public benefits by upgrading flood protection for adjacent and nearby residents, revitalizing a trail for recreation, and relocating a vital drinking water transmission line to reduce flood and seismic hazards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would maintain or improve habitat and water quality conditions for the Snohomish River, a waterbody subject to Washington state water quality standards authorized under Section 303 of the 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