

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 23, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write to request your signature to finalize Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management's \$425,000 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant. Initially filed in November 2023, the grant application was approved in June 2025 and has been awaiting your final signature since that date. The FMA grant would identify cost-effective approaches for future flood mitigation and enable Snohomish County to make efficient, life-saving investments, which is particularly important as our community is currently facing severe flooding.

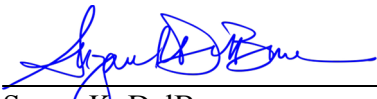
As you know from your recent issuance of an Emergency Declaration on December 12, 2025, Washington State is experiencing severe flooding this season caused by a series of extreme atmospheric river and winter weather events which have affected 14 counties, including Snohomish County. We thank you for this critical federal assistance which is essential to addressing the ongoing crisis and sustaining emergency support for the thousands of Washingtonians under evacuation orders.

This latest crisis has further highlighted our region's need for critical long-term investments in flood mitigation. The pending FMA grant would provide funding to review historical flood data throughout the County and its incorporated cities, assess the current condition of flood control structures of concern, and perform Benefit Cost Analyses (BCA) on the highest priority concerns to support future mitigation efforts. This vital information will allow our state to make essential investments to secure the safety of the region, save taxpayer dollars by reducing future rebuilding costs, and ultimately help save lives.

Our understanding is that the FMA grant has been approved and is sitting in a queue of projects over \$100,000 that require the Secretary's personal approval. Therefore, we respectfully request your signature to approve the pending FMA grant, which is critical for meeting the needs of the communities we represent.

We thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene  
Member of Congress



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