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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Stewart Mountain Community Forest – Phase 1, Riparian Reserve 2 in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Whatcom Land Trust, located at Turkington Road, Acme, WA 98220.

The funding would be used for to acquire over 500 acres of forestland to be owned and managed by the community that relies on this resource. Phase I of the SMCF involves acquiring 502 acres of commercially zoned forestland on the east slopes of Stewart Mountain along the South Fork Nooksack River (SFNR). The site includes 1.4 miles of riverfront along the SFNR and four salmon-bearing tributaries. The property will support timber and non-timber forest product harvest into the future. The site includes 227 acres of pre-merchantable timber (<35 years old), previously harvested and replanted with Douglas-fir, and 15 acres of merchantable timber made up of Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress