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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 NE 85th St Pedestrian/Bike Connection in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kirkland located at 123 5th Ave, Kirkland, WA, 98033. The funding would be used for the City of Kirkland to complete a bicycle and pedestrian pathway that will connect the Sound Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station on I-405.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this pathway is at the center of the newly designated growth center of Downtown Kirkland promotes non-motorized transportation options that reduce traffic congestion, enhance accessibility, promote economic development, and provide equitable community benefits to residents and visitors alike by providing safe and reliable access to the NE 85th BRT station on I-405.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b)(7). 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