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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 Snohomish Conservation District's (SCD) Natural Resources Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Snohomish Conservation District, located at 528 91st Ave NE, Lake Stevens, WA, 98258. The funding would be used for the Snohomish Conservation District to construct a Natural Resources Center building for workforce training for the Snohomish Conservation District's Natural Resources Center

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the SCD's Natural Resources Center (NRC) will serve as a multipurpose community center providing environmental education and workforce training for habitat restoration, agricultural, and wildfire resiliency technicians. Activities at the NRC will help mitigate climate change, educate and connect our community, support farmers, promote salmon recovery and watershed health, and serve under-represented communities and veteran populations.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). 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