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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 Sky Valley Teen Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Volunteers of America Western Washington, located at 605 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Sultan, WA 98294.

The funding would be used to support construction activities for the Sky Valley Teen Center. This project aims to build a new structure to house a teen center and emergency shelter for youth in rural east Snohomish County. This space will provide wraparound social services focused on the immense challenges for underserved youth, while also serving as a safe and comfortable place to come to when not in school to receive assistance such as food, clothing, tutoring, mental health support, and much more. This teen center and emergency shelter would allow the Youth Coalition to safely double its current space and participants and the opportunity to provide safe shelter to those youth that are most vulnerable. The project will create a space for rural teens to call home and engage in activities that promote wellness and security. The construction of this facility will add supports for teens that will address mental health, education, employment, nutrition and health, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and much more.

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

Sincerely,



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Suzan K. DelBene  
Member of Congress