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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for PE for Improved Sounder Commuter Rail Operations in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) located at 401 S Jackson St Seattle, WA 98104.

The funding would be used to fund Preliminary Engineering (PE) for Sounder service to be implemented using Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) operations along Sound Transit's Lakewood sub-division rail in Pierce County with a goal to increase commuter service and improve operations. A BEMU is a self-propelled passenger train car that uses an on-board battery-electric engine, requiring no separate locomotive. Operating Sounder service with BEMU equipment would produce less noise, and is expected to save capital and operations costs, while providing the potential for increased service to/from the cities of Tacoma, Lakewood, DuPont, and Tillicum.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section/Chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code 53; 49.

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

Sincerely,



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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$391,765 for Alameda Ave - Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project Phase 2A in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fircrest located at 115 Ramsdell Street, Fircrest, WA 98466.

The funding would be used for the construction of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and ADA-compliant curb ramps, along with dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities that will tie into existing infrastructure near 44th Street West. This segment of Alameda Avenue currently lacks safe, continuous facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, creating significant safety risks, particularly for vulnerable users. The absence of adequate non-motorized infrastructure limits safe access to schools, transit, and nearby commercial and medical services.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. section 133.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for Huntamer Park Civic Improvement in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lacey located at 420 College Street SE Lacey, WA 98503.

The funding would be used to upgrade the features, utilities, and landscaping of the park which will serve as a welcoming public gathering place for residents, businesses, and visitors, boosting community cohesion and economic vitality in the City of Lacey.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C section 5305.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,200,000 for Fort Steilacoom Community Service Center in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakewood located at 6000 Main St. SW Lakewood, WA 98499.

The funding would be used for the construction phase of the project, to include site improvements and redevelopment of the historic facilities into community service buildings. The buildings will be retrofitted to accommodate community learning operations, facilitate special event management, and act as a central location for emergency responses.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C section 5305(a)(2).

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,370,000 for Fruitland Sidewalk Improvements in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Puyallup located at 333 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371.

The funding would be used to construct approximately 1,000 linear feet of ADA-compliant sidewalk on the east side of South Fruitland Avenue, closing this gap in the City's pedestrian network. The project will also include approximately 950 linear feet of marked bicycle lane to provide a dedicated space for cyclists and enhance multimodal safety along the corridor. To further improve visibility and safety, six new streetlights will be installed behind the sidewalk, enhancing illumination for pedestrians and motorists and improving safety at the intersections of Fruitland Avenue, 7th Avenue SW, and 9th Avenue SW.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C section 5305(a)(1),(2),(4), and (5).

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$7,650,000 for Fishing Wars Memorial - Regional Freight Mobility Bridge Replacement - Phase II in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tacoma located at 747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402.

The funding would be used for Phase II environmental and final design effort necessary to replace the structurally deficient multimodal bridge over the Puyallup River. This bridge is critical for freight mobility. Closure of the facility severed a critical freight and commuter corridor linking the nationally significant Port of Tacoma to Interstate 5 and regional distribution routes, disrupting national and military supply chains.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. section 133.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$645,000 for Demolition of Old Tumwater Brewery Boiler House in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tumwater located at 555 Israel Rd SW, Tumwater, WA 98501.

The funding would be used for the demolition of a contaminated structure previously used as a boiler house. The demolition and abatement of the boiler house will act as a catalyst to private sector redevelopment and generate hope within the general population as it would constitute a highly visible change in an area of local, historical and cultural significance just moments away from the steps of the state capitol.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 43 U.S.C. section 5305(a)(4).

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$650,000 for Power Safe UP in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of University Place located at 3609 Market Place W. Suite 200 University Place, WA 98466.

The funding would be used for two core improvements at 16 strategically selected intersections in the City of University Place which link the City's core economic development area to its surrounding residential neighborhoods, including those within Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs) as defined by HUD, and physically uniting the City's three primary commercial centers. The first is to install battery backup units that keep traffic signals and crosswalk systems fully operational during outages. The Pacific Northwest's frequent storms regularly disable signals at the City's most economically and socially critical intersections, creating dangerous conditions for drivers and pedestrians. The second is to receive upgraded crosswalk signals equipped with audible tones and tactile push-button interfaces, ensuring that residents with visual impairments and other disabilities can safely and independently navigate the City's pedestrian network.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. section 5305(a)(2), (5).

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for Second Street Downtown Infrastructure and Streetscape Improvements in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Yelm located at 106 2nd St. SE, Yelm, WA 98597.

The funding would be used to upgrade deteriorating roadway and pedestrian infrastructure and install new sidewalks, ADA-compliant crossings, pedestrian lighting, drainage improvements, and streetscape elements that improve safety, accessibility, and the overall downtown environment.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. section 5305(a)(2).

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$7,900,000 for Tribal Fish Hatchery Remodel & Modernization in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation located at 420 Howanut Road, Oakville, WA 98568.

The funding would be used to install two new groundwater supply wells, construct a surface water head tank, and construct an adult collection facility and fish ladder.

The project has a federal nexus because the requested funding would be for purposes authorized by 25 U.S.C. section 13.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,200,000 in funding for the Rehabilitation of 90 Housing Units - Salishan Phase 4 in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Housing Authority of the City of Tacoma located at 902 S. L St., Tacoma, WA 98405.

The funding would be used to address critical and overdue capital needs—specifically the replacement of aging roofs and the completion of essential exterior painting—to ensure long-term safety, durability, and quality for the residents who call Salishan home.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(4).

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

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$55,000,000 in funding for the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Fire Station 105 project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Joint Base Lewis-McChord, located at Joint Base HQs, Box 339500, Mail Stop 1AA, Joint Base Lewis-McChord WA 98433-9500.

The funding would be used for the construction of the Joint Base Lewis-McChord Airfield Fire & Rescue Station. The new station is necessary for readiness and national security, including to protect 40 C-17s, the airmen and civilians that support the Air Force's mission, and power projection platform capabilities. The current fire station, built in the 1950s, is not up to code, seismically unsound, and is at end of life. This project was also already authorized in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$884,000 for PFAS Mitigation Well in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lakewood Water District located at 11900 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

The funding would be used to drill a new well into a much deeper, uncontaminated aquifer to partially replace the water supply that has been lost due to PFAS contamination. The proposed O-3 replacement (O-3R) well is part of LWD's multi-year integrated response to PFAS contamination and meet EPA regulations for PFAS in drinking water.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for in purposes authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act; Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

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

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,800,000 in funding for STEM Laboratory and Research Equipment Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pacific Lutheran University located at 12180 Park Ave S, Tacoma, WA 98447.

The funding would be used to acquire state-of-the-art laboratory and simulation equipment, creating a cohesive, high-tech training environment within the newly renovated science facilities. The funding will be used exclusively to acquire and install specialized research and educational laboratory equipment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 272 of title 15 of the United States Code.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for Sprinker Community Center Renovation – Phase II in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pierce County located at 1501 Market St, Tacoma WA 98402.

The funding would be used to build include community-focused activities like a multi-purpose sports court/gym, elevated walking track, expanded lobby for passive community use, teen space, updated restrooms and locker rooms, community resource space, art/makers area, fitness and community rental rooms, and renovations for safety and to meet Washington State Clean Buildings performance standard.

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

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,961,831 in funding for Paratransit ADA Assessment Facility Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pierce County Public Transportation Benefit Area Corporation (DBA Pierce Transit) located at 3701 96th St. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

The funding would be used to convert approximately 2,020 square feet of vacant space into dedicated offices and assessment areas used exclusively to determine eligibility for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit service. Under the ADA and 49 CFR §37.125(c), Pierce Transit must complete eligibility determinations within 21 days of receiving a completed application or grant presumptive eligibility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by United States Code, Title 49, Subtitle III, Chapter 53, §5312.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Rural Agricultural Conservation Research Center in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Thurston Conservation District located at 582 Tilley Court SE, Suite 152, Tumwater, WA 98501.

The funding would be used to develop a rural Agricultural Conservation Research Center to benefit the residents of Thurston County. Funds will be used to complete the planning and site preparation phases of the project and to begin the design-build phases of this roughly 30-acre campus in central Thurston County.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Chapter 16 Sections 590a-590d and 590f-g of the United States Code.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Regional Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Thurston County located at 3000 Pacific Avenue SE Olympia, WA 98501.

The funding would be used for planning, design, architectural drawings, and project management of a new Regional Law Enforcement Center and Courthouse complex. The current facility has judges, juries, attorneys, detainees, and the general public crossing paths in constricted areas, with the ever-present potential for costly mistrials and those that may have been found guilty being released back into our community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 10152.

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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 for the Commercial/Main Complete Streets project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Steilacoom located at 1030 Roe Street, Steilacoom, Washington 98388.

The funding would be used to add curbs, gutters, and sidewalks to connect with other sidewalks along Main Street and Commercial Street. The project would also widen Main Street between Commercial Street and the alleyway behind Town Hall to two 11-foot driving lanes and would grind and overlay the entire road surface on Main Street from Lafayette Street to Commercial Street and Commercial Street from Main Street to Union Avenue. The sidewalks will provide for pedestrians to safely traverse the corridor while going to or from the abutting park where our summer concert series occurs. Additionally, the sidewalks will provide a safe walking route from Town Hall and downtown to the Pierce County ferry terminal which provides services to Anderson, Ketrone, and McNeil islands.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section/Chapter 23 of title 133 of the United States Code.

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