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Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

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Representative Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 in funding for the Building for the Future Campaign in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Emergency Food Network of Tacoma and Pierce County, located at 3318 92nd St S Lakewood, WA 98499.

With this funding, EFN will build an additional warehouse on their campus in Lakewood at 22,000 square-feet, which will increase their storage capacity by 40%, enabling them to take in more donated food and federal food without the fear of running out of storage space.

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

Sincerely,



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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,500,000 in funding for the The City of Lakewood South Tacoma Way Project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Lakewood, WA, located at 6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

This project will help clean up a major business corridor connecting the two cities. This corridor has an expansive International Business District which supports a diverse community beyond just Lakewood. The number of businesses between the north project boundary (City limit) to SR 512 is 193, of which 164 are women or minority owned which translates to 84.5%. The overall population within this corridor is 5,230 with a low mod population of 3.355 or 64.15% LMI.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,825,950 in funding for Zero Fare Bus Stop Access Improvements in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Thurston County Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) DBA Intercity Transit, located at 526 Pattison SE PO Box 659, Olympia WA 98507. The funding would be used to renovate 145 frequently used bus stops to increase transit operating efficiency, reduce passenger travel times, and increase passenger safety and access. The purpose of these renovations is to enhance the overall convenience and attractiveness of transit as a viable alternative to driving, making it possible for more people to meet more of their travel needs without having to drive.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,800,000 in funding for the Stewart Road Corridor Completion: White River Bridge in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Sumner, located at 1104 Maple Street, Sumner, WA 98390.

This project replaces the existing two-lane Stewart Road bridge over the White River with four lanes of traffic, shared-use path, and improvements to adjacent intersections.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Center for Urban Waters - Protecting Salmon from Toxic Chemicals in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Washington Tacoma, located at 1900 Commerce Street, Tacoma, WA 98402-3100.

These funds will allow the University of Washington to acquire improved research equipment to continue efforts in identifying and investigating the many toxic chemicals in tires and the toxic ecological impacts of their use. Recent research conducted at the University of Washington Tacoma's (UW Tacoma) Center for Urban Waters (CUW) has identified the ubiquitous pollutant "6PPD-quinone," which is commonly used in the manufacture of tires, as the primary toxic chemical that is directly responsible for widespread observations of mortality in Coho Salmon in the Pacific Northwest.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$ 1,500,000 in funding for the Garrison Springs Creek Restoration in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Steilacoom, located at 1030 Roe St. Steilacoom, WA 98388.

The project improves water quality runoff into the Puget Sound and provides habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species. The Garrison Springs Creek Restoration is part of a broader effort to convert fallow former industrial land to a vibrant community asset, with access to nature, a community park, housing, bike/pedestrian connections, and water access.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$555,000 in funding for the Tacoma Professional Pipeline in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tacoma Public School District, located at Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405.

With additional federal investment, the Tacoma Professional Pipeline can more than double its capacity from 690 students served in 2021 to over 1,150 students served by 2024. Students will have access to career preparation and exploration services as well as internships in their home communities from high school through college. The Tacoma Professional Pipeline facilitates employer connections and internship opportunities with high school and college students, all within Tacoma and Pierce County. Employers can offer placement opportunities aligned with their workforce needs. Those needs could be focused on high school students and their first exposure to a career field, or college students pursuing degrees and professional experience. It helps to connect those local employers with placement needs with young local candidates who are prepped, pre-screened, and pre-matched to succeed.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$800,000 in funding for the Sheffield Trail – Phase 1 in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fife, located at 5410 20th Street E, Fife, WA 98424.

This project allows the City to complete Phase 1 of a two-phase restoration of the Sheffield Trail, which ties into the regional Inter-urban Trail, connects Fife apartment renters and seniors with the community's only grocery store, and creates a direct linkage for patrons of the Pierce County Regional Library and elementary and high-school students of the Fife School District. The trail will also connect the residents of the adjacent apartment and senior housing complexes to the library, grocery store, and regional trails to the north and the city parks to the south. The trail further serves as an emergency lahar evacuation route for students of Columbia Junior High School and others, as it will provide the shortest pedestrian route between the school and high ground in Milton or Fife Heights.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Natural Resources Building. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, located at 3009 Portland Ave E, Tacoma, WA 98404.

The Puyallup Tribe Natural Resources Building will allow the various departments and staff to consolidate in one location which will improve coordination and effectiveness in carrying out Fisheries and Natural Resource policies and management. It will also provide a vastly improved work space, increased square footage and a central meeting facility for the myriad of local, state and federal partner and agency meetings which Puyallup Tribe often coordinate and host.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$70,000 in funding for the Hope for Heroes Horsemanship Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hope for Heroes Horsemanship Center, located at 14528 Avis Lane SE, Yelm, WA 98597.

This funding will support horse feed, care, and instructors to provide therapeutic horsemanship to retired veterans and active-duty military personnel weekly suffering from PTSD, anxiety, chronic depression and other injuries like insomnia and Traumatic Brain Injury.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the Spanaway Family Support Center in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bethel School District 403, located at 516 176th Street East, Spanaway WA 98387.

This project supports the construction of a 3600 square foot building that would house a Mentoring and tutoring youth center, a WIC Multicare office, and a food and clothing bank. This would be the second phase of buildings providing support from partners in this community.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$247,731.75 in funding for Pierce County Sheriff Department's Pierce County Metro Dive Team in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pierce County Sheriff's Office, located at 930 Tacoma Ave. S. Tacoma, WA 98402. The funding would be used to purchase a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) along with the necessary accessories (grabber, sonar, scanner, tether).

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because The Pierce County Metro Dive Team is a regional asset within the Pacific Northwest. If funded, the SRS FUSION ROV would meet the critical needs of the team as their current equipment is almost 20 years old and nearing the end of its operating life cycle. The SRS FUSION Package is much smaller and more deployable than the current ROV and would provide the dive team with the technology and equipment to continue to provide vital rescue and recovery services throughout the region.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$2,500,000.00 in funding for Olympia Tumwater Foundation's History & Nature Center at Brewery Park in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Olympia Tumwater Foundation, located at 110 Deschutes Way SW (Tumwater Falls Park), Tumwater, WA 98501. The funding would be used to construct a new History and Nature Center to replace the existing visitor's center in Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls in Tumwater, WA.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides critical access to key services and supports economic opportunities. The new History and Nature Center is designed to be a flexible multi-use facility that maximizes its ability to produce a sustainable income by doubling up on program spaces. One large gathering space will serve as the Learning Center, telling the stories of the site's history from the early significance as a gathering location for multiple Salish tribes, to the industrious use of the falls by early settlers milling lumber, to the importance of the Schmidt family—founders of the Olympia Brewery—the beautiful Brewery Park, and the history of the Olympia Brewery itself. This same space will also serve as an event space serving over 100 guests that can be provided or leased for a broad range of community functions. An analysis by the Thurston Economic Development Council showed that the Brewery Park Visitor and Event Center will create 40 full time jobs and produce over \$11 million in economic impact to Thurston County during the construction period. Creation of this History and Nature Center will also make the park an even more compelling tourist draw and valuable resource to the Thurston County community and the state of Washington.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$3,000,000.00 in funding for Pierce County's Pacific Avenue SR-7, Pedestrian and Transit Access Improvements (168 Street East) project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pierce County Planning and Public Works, located at 2702 S 42 Street, Suite 109, Tacoma, WA, 98409. The funding would be used to construct bicycle lanes, curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps and illumination on both sides of 168 ST E between Washington State Route 7 (SR-7) and B ST E. Project improvements will include on street parking on the north side of the road, pedestrian crossing improvements and signage.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds it will make necessary improvements to a critical high priority corridor in Pierce County, improving safety and mobility for pedestrians and for transit, including the approved future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), while also increasing access and connectivity to and from downtown for the traditionally underserved areas of South Tacoma. It is one of the key pillars of the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Community Plan, which aims to provide lasting and complete connections between these three widely different communities. The project is expected to promote non-motorized travel and provide community health benefits by providing active transportation mode choices for short personal trips or commute trips. In addition, it will likely reduce vehicular emissions and congestion in the local community since having these facilities is expected to entice non-motorized travel. The project will improve safety, mobility, ADA and access for both drivers and active transportation users.

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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$448,000.00 in funding for Thurston County Sheriff's Office Forensic Technology for Investigations in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Thurston County Sheriff's Office, located at 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW Olympia, WA 98502. The funding would be used to purchase a Rapid DNA instrument to help bolster law enforcement efficiency and improve community outcomes. This technology is a critical tool to reform the department, save time and keep the community safe. The instrument will allow deputies, and those from agencies in the region, to process DNA samples themselves with minimal training. These samples are processed quickly and can generate investigative leads in 90 minutes as opposed to many months it can take at Washington state's crime lab.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because while the project does not create jobs or generate its own revenue, by quickly responding to and addressing public safety there will be real-time opportunities to stop criminals and improve public safety in the community. This will result in the prevention of countless additional crimes that impact productivity of individuals and profitability of businesses throughout the region who have been impacted by a rising crime rate in Washington – making a direct impact on the economic health of the region. The Sheriff's Office plans to follow the guidance published by the FBI for Rapid DNA in law enforcement contexts.

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