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**Congress of the United States**  
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March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Island Health OB Surgical Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 2 located at 1211 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Anacortes, WA 98221. The funding would be used to add equipment for a new operating suite dedicated to obstetrics and upgrade the existing surgical suite and other related health care facilities at Island Hospital. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will improve the hospital's maternal and neonatal health capabilities, including for rural communities and military families.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen  
U.S. Representative  
Washington State, Second District