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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 Division 22-1 Reservoir Replacement and Seismic Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District, located at 1220 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham, WA 98229. The funding would be used to replace the existing Division 22-1 drinking water reservoir and install a seismic valve. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing reservoir is unlikely to survive a major seismic event, which could result in a catastrophic release of 500,000 gallons of drinking water and cut off water and fire protection services to 1,000 people.

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

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