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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 Lopez Food Center project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Lopez Food Center, c/o Lopez Island Family Resource Center, 23 Pear Tree Lane, Lopez Island, WA 98261. The funding would construct a mixed-use food center, including a community kitchen, shared farm stand, rental spaces and gathering areas for pop-up shops. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase access to free and affordable food and support local farmers in a rural island community.

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

Sincerely,

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