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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mount Vernon Library Commons project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mount Vernon, located at 910 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA, 98273. This funding would support construction costs for the facility's community room space and largest children's center, a community technology center, and educational rooms for technology training and STEM education. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase space and access for vital community services for residents of Skagit County, Washington including health services, community education, and job training in an area of historic and persistent poverty, as well as serve as a shelter during public safety events.

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

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

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