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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 NCTA @ Whatcom Expansion project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Northwest Career & Technical Academy, located at 2205 West Campus Place, Mount Vernon, WA, 98273. This funding would support construction of a branch workforce development skills center campus to support expanded career technical education programming for high school-aged students in Whatcom County, Washington. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will increase access for high school students to obtain supplemental education and job training, giving them new opportunities to join the workforce while improving the local workforce supporting regional economic vitality.

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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