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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 Northwest Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC) Innovation Center Network – Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Northwest Innovation Resource Center, located at 2200 Rimland Drive, Suite 210, Bellingham, WA 98226. The funding would be used for renovation and equipment for an innovation center that will create a workforce training and manufacturing incubator.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports an essential community facility to create jobs and support local small businesses and entrepreneurs. 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,

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