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May 1, 2024

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 Shannon Point Marine Center Research Vessel project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Washington University, located at 516 High St, Bellingham, WA 98225. The funding would support the acquisition of a new research vessel for marine and coastal science educational and research activities. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide educational opportunities for constituents and support research in marine and environmental sciences.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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