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April 13, 2026

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 Station #81 Relocation Out of the Floodplain project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Whatcom County Fire District #1, located at 101 E Main St, Everson, WA 98247. The funding would relocate the district's primary fire station in Everson, Washington out of a FEMA designated floodplain. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the station serves 75 acres of rural communities, including the cities of Everson and Nooksack and the Nooksack Tribe reservation, and the station has been repeatedly impacted by major flood events.

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,



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