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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

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I am requesting funding for the Anahuac Farms Agricultural Community Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Anahuac Farms, through the Capaces Leadership Institute. Anahuac Farms is located at 9536 Parrish Gap Rd. SE, Turner, Oregon 97932.

Funds will be used for the following phased capital improvement projects: Kitchen facilities, cold storage, wash and pack areas, produce and product display areas, and meeting spaces with offices and restrooms. This infrastructure will allow processing of traditional crops throughout the year, offering fresh and processed farm products to the community, and year-round educational opportunities for our communities in agricultural production, traditional and conventional cooking and food preparation, Indigenous languages, cultural arts, and more. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Anahuac provides meals for families in need, provides a critical community center, and offers educational programming.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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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Andrea Salinas Member of Congress