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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Chemeketa Community College Trades Center Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Chemeketa Community College, located at 4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem, Oregon 97305.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment to support the Chemeketa Community College Pre-Apprenticeship programs allowing students hands-on construction experience building emergency shelters for community-based organizations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will help fill high-demand construction jobs by training a new workforce in relevant construction skilled trades, including basic construction, Pre-Apprenticeship, Apprenticeships in HVAC/R, Sheet Metal, Ironworking, and Plumbing. By training low-income students in high-demand construction-oriented trades, this project will tackle the housing crisis from multiple angles.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS