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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole & Ranking Member DeLauro,


I am requesting funding for Western Oregon University's Data Center project. The project recipient is Western Oregon University, located at 345 Monmouth Ave N, Monmouth, OR 97361.

Funds will be used for construction and capital improvements to the Western Oregon University data center facility. The center will offer economic benefit by providing training in advanced data and technology career pathways, as well as by serving as a community data storage facility and emergency operations center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide previously unavailable educational and training opportunities at Western Oregon University. Additionally, in the wake of a cyber-attack that crippled the local k-12 school district in February 2024, the center will serve as an emergency operations center for the surrounding communities, in addition to serving as a data storage facility.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Andrea Salinas
Member of Congress