

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol 1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305 House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The City of Orting's Bridge for Kids in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Orting, located at 104 Bridge St S, Orting, WA 98360.

This bridge for kids would be a shared use, non-motorized pedestrian bridge across State Route 162. The bridge will help kids travel to and from school, help members of this rural community walk across town, and it is an important evacuation route in the event of a lahar. A lahar is a mixture of mudflow, volcanic material, and debris that may happen after an eruption. The City of Orting is in the possible lahar pathway in the event of a volcanic eruption from Mt. Rainier.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. The bridge will provide equitable recreation opportunities and greater connectivity to existing trails, parks, schools, and the downtown core. The route will serve as a safe path for students and parents to access Orting Middle School and Ptarmigan Ridge Intermediate School. The share use path bridge will assist in alleviating an at-grade crosswalk that during low-light hours can create an unsafe crossing situation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



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Kim Schrier, M.D.

Member of Congress