## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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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 Ellensburg Community Center and Fieldhouse for fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Ellensburg located at 501 N Anderson St, Ellensburg, WA, 98926.

The funding would be used to assist in the construction of a Community facility to replace the only community center in this rural community that was destroyed by suspected arson last December.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help the community by giving kids and families a place to go that is not school, work, or the street. It will create nearly 200 jobs between construction, operations, resource referral, and more. It will also keep the community healthy. The number-one cause of mortality in Kittitas County is heart disease, which can be reduced through physical activity and the access to resources and providers.

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 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