

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Solar/Smart Grid Modernization Project - Ellensburg WA08 in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Ellensburg, located at 501 N Anderson St., Ellensburg, WA 98926.

The funding would support the City of Ellensburg's Solar Energy Park, a state-of-the-art advanced metering project to increase grid resilience and support working families through grid modernization by improving communication between the utility and consumers, providing capacity for renewable energy deployment, opt-in prepayment services, energy efficiency, smart EV charging, and demand response (DR) programs.

Infrastructure upgrades will allow the City of Ellensburg to deliver renewable energy and energy efficiency to 8,370 residents living at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. In 2019, more than 56% of households were cost-burdened—spending more than 30% of their income on rent—making energy cost a critical factor in community resiliency.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kim Schrier, M.D. Member of Congress

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