

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 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 the Student Medical & Counseling Center- Medical Grade Air Distribution in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Washington University, located at 400 East University Way, Ellensburg, WA.

The CWU Student Medical & Counseling Center was built in 1970 and has never had any major renovations or expansions, including the original heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system. Even prior to the medical demands associated with the pandemic, this facility was often very crowded. There is only one general return-air system for the entire building and the current HVAC system does not meet current standards. Additionally, the system cannot accommodate weather extremes—lab equipment shuts down in extreme heat and parts of the building that can't be properly heated must be taken offline in the winter. This funding will make it possible to install a new HVAC system.

A new medical grade air distribution system will reduce the spread of airborne pathogens, benefiting the health of students, staff, and the greater Ellensburg community. Additionally, a new system will be more cost and energy efficient than the current system which is prone to mechanical failures and costly repairs.

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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