

## 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 improvements for operations at The Market Farm to Fork and Smart Locker Program at the Bonney Lake Food Bank in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Bonney Lake Food Bank, located at State Route 410E, Buckley WA 98321.

The Bonney Lake Food Bank has a mission to provide equitable access to nutritious food to those in the community facing food insecurity. Since the pandemic began, the Bonney Lake Food Bank more than doubled the number of people served in the community. They provide fresh produce, proteins, and dairy to individuals and families in need.

The pandemic highlighted the importance of building local and sustainable food supply chains. This program will invest in greenhouse infrastructure to allow for year-round food production which will lead to lower food purchasing costs and increase food security resilience. Additional investments in smart lockers will keep food fresh and safe for family pickups.

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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