

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

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Chelan County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Vessel - Chelan County, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chelan County Sheriff's Office, located at 401 Washington Street Level 1 Wenatchee, WA 98801.

The funding would be used for the purchase of a new marine patrol vessel to maintain year-round access for the boat-only communities of Lucerne, Holden Village, the Rio Tinto Holden Mine Site, Stehekin, nearby private residences, and surrounding state and federal campgrounds. This new vessel would ensure continued year-round transportation, emergency response, search and rescue operations, and medical evacuation capabilities for the upper Lake Chelan region, serving residents, visitors, and multiple state and federal agencies. The vessel would also play a key role in fire response, flood response, and other natural disaster incidents, which have impacted the region several times in recent years and require reliable marine access for emergency personnel and equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current vessel has been in continuous service for 24 years and is approaching the end of its operational life. The purchase of a new vessel would help prevent service disruptions, reduce long-term maintenance costs associated with aging equipment, and improve safety and operational reliability. The vessel would also support tourism, outdoor recreation, and local economic activity while protecting access to remote communities and federally managed lands. Investing in this replacement ensures that public safety resources remain reliable and capable of serving the thousands of residents and visitors who rely on marine access to the upper Lake Chelan area each year.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Schrier". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail.

Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress