

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 27, 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 Lake Chelan Port Public Access Protection - Chelan, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chelan Douglas Regional Port, located at 285 Technology Center Way, Suite 202 Wenatchee, WA 98801.

The funding would be used for the purchase of waterfront property and an existing dock facility within the City of Chelan to preserve and expand public access to Lake Chelan and ensure continued transportation access to the remote community of Stehekin. Stehekin, located at the head of Lake Chelan and accessible only by boat, seaplane, or hiking trail, has no road access to the regional highway system. The community relies on barge service for essential supplies. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public access to Stehekin could be jeopardized if the existing dock is purchased by private developers. Secure, reliable access to this community is essential for emergency response and disaster recovery, especially following recent severe wildfires and flooding in the region. This project would additionally preserve waterfront land for public use and protect recreation resources that serve visitors, ultimately bolstering the local economy, preserving federal land access, and improving disaster resilience and public safety.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 46 USC 54301.

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress