

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 Orville Road Floodplain Protection at Kapowsin Creek - Orting, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pierce County, located at 9850 64th St. W. University Place, WA 98467.

The funding would be used for the construction of increased floodplain protections on Orville Road by Kapowsin Creek in Pierce County. This road is a primary lifeline arterial road and is a lahar evacuation route for nearby residents. Increased floodplain protections would reduce flood risks along the road by reducing channel migration and increasing the number of floodplain engineered log jams (ELJs) – which mimic natural channel functions and create salmon habitats by encouraging side and off-channel refuge during flooding. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides long-term flood protection and environmental benefits. Traditional levees and revetments require costly repairs to maintain functionality. Engineered log jams are self-sustaining and would recruit new woody material from the river and surrounding forest. This project would therefore enhance the local riparian forest, increase carbon sequestration, and improve ecosystem health. Additionally, salmon are intrinsically linked to the economic and cultural value of the region. By mimicking natural river functions, the project would act as flood attenuation space by storing water, which would ultimately create new habitats for salmon. This project would provide the capacity to manage future high flows expected from climate change, reducing future flood risk and associated costs. This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Soil Conservation and Allotment Domestic Act of 1935, 16 U.S. Code sections 590a-590d and 590f-g.

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

Sincerely,



Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress