

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 20, 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 Ravensdale Housing Water Supply Connection - Ravensdale, WA project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Covington Water District, located at 18631 SE 300th Place, Covington, WA 98042.

The funding would be used for the construction of a new regional water supply connection between the Covington Water District's Sugarloaf service area and Tacoma Water's Pipeline 5 (P5). This project includes the installation of approximately 6,500 linear feet of 12-inch transmission mains, 1,500 linear feet of 8-inch distribution main improvements, a booster pump station at the Sugarloaf well site, and a metered water tap with communications and control systems. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses current water supply limitations, seasonal reliability challenges, aging water infrastructure, and future growth demands in the Ravensdale/Sugarloaf area. By integrating a reliable, high-quality regional supply, the project would improve drinking water safety by providing a more consistent and protected water source and reducing reliance on limited local wells that are vulnerable to water quality fluctuations. Improved pressure and modern monitoring controls would support regulatory compliance, maintain disinfectant residuals, and reduce risks associated with low flows and aging infrastructure.

In addition to improving water quality, the project would enhance water system pressure and optimize storage utilization. These improvements would reduce the likelihood of service disruptions during droughts, equipment failures, or other emergencies, which protects residents, businesses, and public safety infrastructure.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j12.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kim Schrier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress