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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hoh Tribe Resiliency Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hoh Indian Tribe located at 2269 Lower Hoh Road, Forks, WA 98331. The funding would be used for construction of an evacuation center and community center to protect from weather and flooding events or tsunamis.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Hoh Tribe, located at the mouth of the Hoh River and Pacific Ocean, is at significant risk to severe weather and flooding events and is located in a tsunami zone. Approximately 90% of the developed and residential area is located in a flood zone. The Tribe has had 26 disaster events occur over the last approximately 20 years. Tribal citizens regularly work together to sandbag their homes and tribal facilities to protect from flooding. As a result of this it is urgent that the Tribe construct a safe evacuation center from these severe weather events and potential tsunami and begin to relocate the community to a safer area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

Sincerely,

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Congresswoman Emily Randall Washington's 6th District