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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 the Community Respite Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kitsap County Department of Human Services, located at 614 Division Street MS-23, Port Orchard, WA 98366. The funding would be used for a Community Respite Center that would fill a critical gap in the housing continuum in Kitsap County by providing transitional, respite housing for people recently discharged from local hospitals who are experiencing homelessness.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in addition to connecting people experiencing homelessness with transitional housing and support services, this project will significantly reduce emergency department utilization. The Community Respite Center will save our state's health care system approximately \$30,859,290 annually. This will also free up dozens of hospital beds that are currently being used to board individuals who no longer need acute care but cannot be safely discharged to the street.

This project has a federal nexus because it furthers the goals of an eligible use of the Community Development Fund (CDF) authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Randall".

Congresswoman Emily Randall
Washington's 6th District