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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 Makah Housing Resilience Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Makah Indian Tribe, located at 81 Resort Drive, Neah Bay, WA, 98357. The Makah Tribe is requesting federal funding to construct durable, high-quality housing that supports long-term community stability and essential service retention.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address the severe and persistent housing shortage impacting the Neah Bay community, with between 80 and 100 applicants currently on the housing waitlist. Many of these applicants are families living in overcrowded or substandard conditions, or individuals who have been waiting years for access to safe, stable, and affordable housing. The shortage of workforce housing directly undermines the Tribe's ability to recruit and retain qualified personnel for critical services, including healthcare providers at the Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center, law enforcement officers and emergency responders within the Public Safety Department, and teachers and staff in the Neah Bay School District. Without reliable housing options, these essential services struggle with chronic staffing shortages, jeopardizing the health, safety, and education of the Makah people. This project aligns with the federal government's trust responsibility to Tribal Nations and directly supports national priorities related to Tribal sovereignty, housing equity, and infrastructure investment.

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

Sincerely,

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

Congresswoman Emily Randall
Washington's 6th District