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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Hoquiam West Fork Dam Removal and Drinking Water Supply Project* in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hoquiam located at 609 8th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550.

The funding would be used to support the removal of the West Fork Dam and improve the water treatment conveyance for new groundwater wells. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create a new safe, reliable drinking water source for 8600 residents and over 1300 businesses, provide critical infrastructure necessary for economic growth, and remove the second worst fish barrier in western Washington.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Derek Kilmer Member of Congress