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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Cora Whitley Family Center* project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is at the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center located at 2021 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98405.

This funding will support the construction of Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center's early learning center at the Cora Whitley Family Center, adding at least 242 new childcare slots in Pierce County, Washington. Pierce County currently has only 69 childcare slots for every 100 children whose parents work. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help parents who left the workforce during the pandemic because they couldn't afford or locate child care to be able to get back to work.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(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