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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Caswell-Brown Emergency Shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jefferson County located at 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. This funding will support the construction of a permanent emergency shelter and supportive transitional housing, the only one of its kind in Jefferson County, WA. This project not only addresses the critical lack of an emergency shelter, but will also provide behavioral health services, substance use disorder services, and mobile health clinic services. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because homelessness costs a great deal. Whether it's the cost of law enforcement, incarceration, treatment in emergency departments, loss of tourism revenue, or simply the lowering of morale that occurs when our communities are faced with homelessness-investing in dignified housing solutions benefits us all.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress