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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kitsap County Respite Center project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kitsap County, located at 614 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366. This funding will allow for the construction of a 22-bed respite center for housing unstable patients discharging from the hospital, enabling them to safely transition to federally supported low-income housing, permanent supportive housing, or some other stable housing situation based on individual need. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because respite housing allows a safe, supportive space for individuals transitioning out of homelessness through a more cost-effective method, while freeing up hospital beds for other patients and reducing emergency department utilization.

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