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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lake Swano Dam Remediation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grays Harbor College, located at 1620 Edward P Smith Drive, Aberdeen, WA 98520.

This funding will allow remedial action on the “high hazard” Lake Swano dam, preserving fish and wildlife habitat while safeguarding Grays Harbor College and the surrounding South Aberdeen community from catastrophic flooding. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the failure or mis-operation of this dam will likely cause loss of human life and thus remedial action is necessary to support the safety and resilience of this community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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