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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Port Orchard Marina Breakwater Replacement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of Bremerton, located at 707 Sidney Parkway, Port Orchard, WA 98366. The funding would be used to replace 1,500 linear feet of a 12-foot-wide public breakwater that protects the community of Port Orchard, WA, the marina facilities, its numerous uses, assets, and its residents. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the breakwater supports numerous public uses such as moorage for essential government emergency response vessels and for tribal and non-tribal commercial fishing boats, provides additional dock space for the Kitsap Transit foot ferry fleet, includes 341 general moorage slips and 3,000 linear feet of recreational slips, has 25 liveaboard residences, and includes commercial fishing vessel moorage and cargo unloading docks exclusively for use by the Suquamish Tribe. The breakwater also protects the only saltwater fueling station within 16 nautical miles serving the marine vessels in the movement of goods and people.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

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