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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the čix^wícən (Tse-whit-zen) Protection Area Restoration project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of Port Angeles, located at 338 West First Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362. This funding will support the collaboration between the Port of Port Angeles and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe in the restoration and preservation of the historic Tse-whit-zen village archeological site, a significant cultural site for the Tribe, and create economic opportunity through educational programming and tourism. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it restores a substantial piece of cultural heritage to the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (Tribe) and preserves it for cultural education opportunities that benefit the entire Clallam County community and increases the size of preservation-ready space that can qualify for state and federal historic property designations, bringing additional investments and tourism activity to the region.

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