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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Carson Water Treatment Plant Rebuild in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Public Utility District No. 1 of Skamania County located at 1492 Wind River Highway Carson, WA 98610

Carson, Washington is one of three Urban Areas in all of Skamania County where growth and development are not restricted by the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area or the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. A reliable and clean source of drinking water in the Carson area is not only critical for public health but also key to the county's future as a location for residential, commercial, and industrial growth. This effort will have multiple benefits for the local communities and the region: water quality of fish-bearing streams, economic competitiveness of the community's businesses, and affordability for the high proportion of residents whose low-to-moderate incomes are already stressed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because funding would allow construction of a new one-million-gallon per day water treatment plant. This project would allow the plant to provide reliable drinking water year-round for current and future needs and reduce staffing times required to safely operate. Without a federal investment the Skamania PUD will be unable to advance this project given its small size and limited ratepayer base to support these types of investments.

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

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress