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April 30, 2021

The Honorable Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding to develop a child care facility in Goldendale, Washington in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Washington Gorge Action Programs located at 115 West Steuben Bigen, WA 98605.

Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP), the only Community Action Program serving Klickitat County, is seeking funds to renovate or construct a facility in rural Goldendale, Washington to serve as a child care and early learning center. Currently there are no licensed child care providers operating in the region except for a Head Start building that is at capacity.

A detailed feasibility study is underway. It is showing far more young children need services and care than Head Start can provide, and the Goldendale School District does not offer any pre-school programs. There may be an opportunity to renovate an existing Klickitat County owned facility for a child care and early learning center or purchase a parcel of land in the Goldendale city limits to use with a modular facility. These two options are being considered.

Funding would be used to establish a new location to address the critical need for child care and early learning programs in and around the Goldendale community. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaime Herrera Beutler".

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress