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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,400,000 for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport (CGRA) in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Klickitat County, located at 115 West Court Street MS- 207, Goldendale, WA 98620.

The funding would be used to increase airport capacity by supporting the construction of critical infrastructure within the airport's business park as part of the Airport Master Plan. The infrastructure includes road access, water, wastewater, electricity, and proper fire flow. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it combines aspects of workforce development within the aerospace community and increases the capabilities and capacity of the surrounding UAV/UAS industry. Moreover, it enhances CGRA's ability to be on the frontline of innovative enhancements for seasonal wildfire response as the airport is central to wildfire response across all eastern Washington and Oregon.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress