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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,066,878 to replace Bridge #248 on the East Low Canal. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grant County, located at 35 C St. NW, Ephrata, WA 98823. The funding would replace an outdated tri-span wood bridge with a new single-span concrete bridge that would both widen and raise the bridge crossing. This would remove an existing bottleneck and increase the flow of water in the canal, which was widened above-and-below the bridge in 2013-2019.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support a critical investment in the nation's food supply by increasing food security and environmental resilience for the East Columbia Basin farmlands. The new bridge will also allow the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to widen the canal to the full width at this bridge crossing, per the 1954 original plan, and increase canal water for the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)(1). 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