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March 23, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Adams County Law and Justice Facility Upgrade in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Adams County, located at 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, WA 99169.

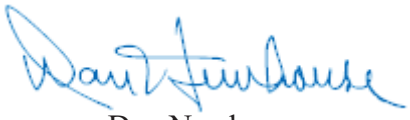
This project will upgrade the Adams County jail which has not been accepting prisoners, even for misdemeanor offenses, for several months. A violent incident in June that nearly cost an inmate his life and resulted in injuries to a corrections officer precipitated the resignations of several of the county's corrections staff. These funds would be a giant step towards making improvements to both the safety and efficiency of the jail and would expedite the hiring of the additional staff necessary to reopen a facility necessary to the public safety of Adams County.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds would be a huge resource towards improvements to both public safety and efficiency of the jail.

This investment of $2.6 million in federal dollars, will help to alleviate serious public safety concerns.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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