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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Seattle Public Library Columbia Branch Seismic Retrofit in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Seattle Public Library located at 4721 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118. The funding would be used for a seismic structural upgrade to the Columbia Branch of the Seattle Public Library. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the library is a community center welcoming and accessible to all regardless of need, income, or educational background. It is a main access point for people to access information and civic and cultural resources, government services, shelter and hygiene needs, and refuge from extreme heat, wildfire smoke and other natural disasters. Reinforcing the building against earthquakes ensures the safety of its occupants and surrounding areas in the event of a natural disaster.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress