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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Targeted Acoustic Startle Technology (TAST) at the Ballard Locks in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oceans Initiative located at 117 E Louisa St #135, Seattle, WA 98102.

The funding would be used for further deployment and study of new technology, the Targeted Acoustic Startle Technology (TAST), which deters pinnipeds by eliciting a startle response. TAST is the only mitigation tool besides lethal culling that is available to curb pinniped predation on endangered and threatened salmon, which are the primary food source of Southern resident killer whales.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress