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

I am requesting funding for the Seattle Public Library University Branch Seismic Structural Upgrade in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Seattle Public Library, located at 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105. The funding would be used for seismic structural upgrades. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these upgrades will increase the seismic performance of this public library facility, which serves a large population of residents—including underserved communities. The retrofits will better equip the facility to provide essential functions after an earthquake, like community sheltering and staging, and it will also ensure an earthquake-safe facility during its routine and year-round community services.

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,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress