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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UW AI Research Infrastructure project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Washington, located at 301 Gerberding Hall, Seattle, WA 98195. The funding would be used to provide the critical computing infrastructure—specifically high-powered servers—needed to support, train, and expand fundamental research opportunities for UW researchers and students in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to systematically address, eliminate, and prevalent bottlenecks that are hampering progress in basic research and across various use-inspired AI domains. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand access to AI platforms for academic researchers and provide students educational opportunities in a growing field.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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