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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 Seattle Waterfront Elliott Bay Seawall Project, Phase 2 in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Seattle, located at 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. The funding would be used to replace an existing 90-year-old seawall along Seattle's downtown waterfront, ensuring the structure is resilient to seismic risks and sea level rise. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect the area from seismic and climate risk, in particular rail lines carrying freight and passenger trains serving the state and region, adjacent residences and businesses, and a major cruise terminal—totaling over \$1 billion in infrastructure.

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