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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the City of Philomath Workforce and Middle-income Housing Infrastructure Support Project – Philomath, Oregon, in the amount of \$1,900,000 within the Economic Development Initiatives account as part of the Committee’s Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Philomath, located at 980 Applegate Street, Philomath, OR 97370. The project is located at Millpond Crossing, S 17th Street, Philomath, OR 97370.

The City of Philomath is requesting \$1,900,000 to install streets and sidewalks that will support the development of 150 workforce and middle-income housing units in Philomath. The streets and sidewalks built from this funding will serve workers and the general public, facilitating crucial economic development in the City and providing infrastructure for much-needed affordable, middle-income housing.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the public funding provided will directly offset the cost of purchasing the houses, making them affordable for workers and middle-income families that currently cannot afford to purchase a home in Philomath. Middle-income workers such as teachers, firefighters, police officers, small-business owners, entrepreneurs, and more are currently unable to purchase housing in town, making it difficult to attract these types of individuals and their families to help build our local economy and strengthen our community.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle
Member of Congress