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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3704**

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Respite Center project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Willamalane Park & Recreation District, located at 250 S 32nd Street, Springfield, Oregon 97478.

The funding would be used to establish a multi-purpose community emergency respite center in Springfield through targeted capital improvements to the existing facility. This investment will provide emergency shelter from wildfires, poor air quality, extreme weather, power outages and other large-scale emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would establish a vitally needed large-capacity community respite shelter for constituents during natural disasters.

The project has a federal nexus because the provided funding is consistent with the purposes authorized under 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,



Val Hoyle  
Member of Congress