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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 DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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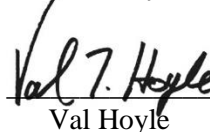
Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,182,500 for the Seafood Workforce Training Facility and Equipment project. The entity to receive funding is Oregon Coast Community College, located at 400 SE College Way, Newport, Oregon, 97366.

Funding would be used to construct a new Aquaculture Technician Training Facility and purchase essential technical equipment to expand hands-on workforce training in commercial fishing, marine systems, seafood processing, and aquaculture at Oregon Coast Community College's Newport campus. This investment will address critical labor shortages in Oregon's maritime industries, support economic growth in coastal communities, and strengthen the state's Blue Economy. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds local workforce capacity in high-demand industries, reduces reliance on imported seafood, and creates sustainable career pathways in rural Oregon.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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

Val Hoyle
Member of Congress