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Representative Derek Kilmer
1410 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kilmer,

We write today to enthusiastically request your support of the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding Request recently submitted to your office by Clallam County. *The Clallam County and City of Port Angeles Joint Emergency Services and Public Safety Facility* is a critical undertaking designed to ensure the safety and protection of lives in the entire region.

The current locations of the divided Clallam County Emergency Operations Center and the PENCOM-911 Public Safety Answering Point are not designed to survive a predicted magnitude-7 earthquake event. The outdated and undersized facilities are incapable of expansion, limiting the ability to hire additional needed staff, utilize volunteers, or safeguard the employees from pandemic outbreaks. The consequence of these facility flaws places every resident and visitor in Clallam County at risk.

The solution to these challenges is to relocate and modernize the County and City's EOC and PENCOM-911 facilities. A regional partnership with a regional solution was developed to address these challenges. The joint public safety facility has garnered county-wide support, significant investment, and will benefit every person in the region. This project is an investment in safety, communications, community and ultimately in lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven D. Burke".

Steven D. Burke
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen M. McAleer".

Colleen M. McAleer
Vice-President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie L. Beauvais".

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