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Port of Willapa Harbor
March 19, 2026

The Honorable Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez,

On behalf of the Port of Willapa Harbor, I am writing to express our strong support for the Raymond School District's request for Community Project Funding to expand the CTE Skilled and Technical Facility at Raymond High School.

The Port has been working closely with the Raymond School District and regional partners to develop an urgently needed vocational and technical education program for our community. This effort is focused on preparing students and local residents for careers in skilled trades that are critical to our regional economy.

The successful launch and long-term sustainability of this program depend on the expansion of the existing vocational facility at Raymond High School. Without additional space and modern infrastructure, the program will not be able to meet current demand or achieve its full potential.

Grays Harbor College has also been an active partner in this effort and is committed to developing a community education and workforce training program that will utilize the expanded facility. This collaboration represents a significant opportunity to create a strong, locally aligned workforce pipeline.

The Port of Willapa Harbor strongly supports this request and appreciates your consideration of this important investment in our community.

Sincerely,

Amber Kaech
Port of Willapa Harbor
Executive Director

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RE: Support for an expanded Raymond School District CTE Program

Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez,

We have known each other for some time, and you know of my love for our culture, lifeways, and the educational processes that ensure their maintenance and the success of our community generally.

The Raymond School District has been an important partner in the education of our school age students for more than a century, and I was thrilled to see that they approached you for support to expand their CTE offerings for the benefit of community and their students.

Please consider this a humble request to make this funding available to the Raymond School District. We have faith in their leadership and a belief that a formal CTE facility at Raymond will benefit the community as well as our Chinook Indian Nation.

Thank you in advance and please remember to center our Chinook Indian Nation, and our values, in the decisions that you make.

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Tony A. (naschio) Johnson
Chairman | Chinook Indian Nation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed expansion of the Raymond School District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. As a strong advocate for educational initiatives that provide students with practical skills and real-world experience, I believe that expanding CTE offerings will significantly benefit both students and the broader community.

The CTE program equips students with valuable knowledge and hands-on training, preparing them for success in today's competitive workforce. By broadening the program's scope, more students will have access to diverse career pathways, including technology, healthcare, trades, and other high-demand fields. This expansion will not only enhance student engagement but also help meet the evolving needs of local employers and industries.

I urge you to support the growth of the Raymond School District CTE program. Investing in our students' futures through increased opportunities and resources will foster lifelong learning and strengthen our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Spencer Headley

Unit Manager

Weyerhaeuser Raymond Lumber



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Representative Marie Gluesenkamp-Perez
1053 Officers Row
Vancouver, WA 98661

RE: Community Project Funding –Career and Technical Education (CTE) Skilled and Technical Facility

Dear Representative Gluesenkamp-Perez

The City of Raymond would like to express its strong support for the Raymond School District's request for funding to expand its CTE Skills and Technical Facility.

This expansion will not only benefit students currently enrolled in the Raymond School District but will also create valuable opportunities for broader community education. Partners such as Grays Harbor College, the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, and local businesses stand to benefit significantly, particularly as they continue to face challenges in finding skilled workers.

In a community that is continually seeking ways to remain strong and to support our children through continued education and workforce development, this funding opportunity represents a true win-win for all involved.

Respectfully,



Dee Roberts
Mayor