

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Vice-Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Chair Collins, Vice-Chair Murray, and Chair Murkowski,

The purpose of this letter is to request a technical correction to a Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending item in the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill, listed below.

We certify that neither of us nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the Congressionally Directed Spending items that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We certify that the entity for which we have requested Congressionally Directed Spending is not a for-profit entity. The reason for this necessary correction is to change the project title from “COR Healthy Communities for Waste Management Improvement” to “Oregon Metro for Waste Management Improvement,” to reflect an updated recipient.

**Account funded in:** Environmental Protection Agency, STAG—Other (CDS)

**Project Name in the FY26 JES:** COR Healthy Communities for Waste Management Improvements

**Project Purpose as originally requested in Legi-Mate:** Funds will purchase a depackaging machine to remove plastic packaging from commercial food waste.

**Request for technical change:** The FY26 JES contained the project name “COR Healthy Communities for Waste Management Improvement,” which should be changed to “Oregon Metro for Waste Management Improvement,” to reflect the updated recipient. Oregon Metro should be listed as the recipient of the funds and will be purchasing the machine.

Sincerely,

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