Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a Whale Entanglement Risk Reduction Research project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, located at (2040 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97376). The funding would be used for additional months of aerial observation of whales off the Oregon coast, information that will be used to develop regulations to allow crab fishing in space and time of lower entanglement risk, for the protection of whales and for providing economic benefits of the crab fishery to vulnerable coastal communities. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Kurt Schrader  
Member of Congress