



March 13, 2026

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
825 Jadwin Avenue, Suite 206
Richland, WA 99352

Dear Senator Cantwell,

On behalf of the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to strongly support Seattle Children's proposal to expand pediatric services at its Tri-Cities Regional Clinic. This investment will help meet a significant and ongoing need for families across Central and Eastern Washington who often have to travel long distances to access specialized pediatric care.

For many families in our area, the challenge is not just finding care but getting to it quickly and affordably. When a child has a serious health problem, parents often have to miss work, pay for travel, and spend hours on the road just to get the services that should be more accessible nearby. These burdens can add financial pressure, cause emotional stress, and delay care for families already facing tough situations.

The proposed clinic expansion would bring essential services to the Tri-Cities, including ultrasound, phlebotomy, and dedicated telehealth spaces that connect local patients with specialized providers. Expanding these services locally would make care more convenient and consistent for families, while also improving coordination and follow-up. It would enable more children to receive necessary care in their own community, surrounded by family support and with fewer disruptions to daily life.

This project would deliver significant value not only to patients and their families but also to the wider region. Growing pediatric specialty care in the Tri-Cities would help eliminate longstanding access issues and enhance healthcare resources for communities across Central and Eastern Washington. It's the kind of investment that can boost quality of life, assist working families, and address a clear regional need.

For these reasons, the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce endorses Seattle Children's congressional earmark request and urges full consideration of this proposal. Thank you for your leadership and for addressing the healthcare needs of families in our region.

Sincerely,

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