

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–2302

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, INVESTIGATIONS & REGULATIONS

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$9,972,000 in funding for the City of Shakopee Minnesota River Stabilization and Cultural Corridor Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Shakopee, 485 Gorman St, Shakopee, MN 55379.

Funding would be used to improve the resiliency of the city's infrastructure by stabilizing the riverbank, which is heavily being eroded and impacting the city's critical infrastructure to increasing levels. The investment and public benefit of the project would not only protect the city's critical infrastructure, it would also improve the already impaired Minnesota River (for turbidity). Of notable significance, the riverbank area contains burial mounds of the ancestors of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). These areas are threatened by the long-term and increasing erosion by the intensified river water. Preserving and stabilizing the riverbank is also essential to preserving the history and archeological resources of the SMSC community.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would help the city implement strategies needed to restore and protect the riverbank and water quality in the watershed – which ultimately affects the water quality of the entire Mississippi River.

In accordance with House Rules, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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