Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,418,000 in funding for the City of Apple Valley Redwood Park Master Plan - Inclusive Playground Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Apple Valley, 7100 147th Street W. Apple Valley MN 55124.

The funding would be used to construct an inclusive playground and associated support facilities such as accessible parking, accessible restrooms, an interactive splash pad, and accessible gathering spaces that will meet and exceed the terms established by the American with Disabilities Act for public parks and playgrounds, which will give residents of all abilities the opportunity to play together at the same time in the same location. The project demonstrates the City of Apple Valley's commitment to the importance of providing inclusive opportunities for all the area's residents.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because this project will benefit citizens of all ages and abilities and leverages state funding as well. It will serve 257,000 residents between Apple Valley and the surrounding area to everyone gets to play together to build a stronger community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Angie Gaig

Angie Craig Member of Congress