Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for City of Cottage Grove County Road 19A and 100th Street Realignment Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cottage Grove, 12800 Ravine Parkway S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

The funding would be used to construct a new roadway alignment and implement a railway grade separation, more evenly distributing regional traffic between the Jamaica and Keats Avenue interchanges on US Highway 61 in the City of Cottage Grove. This investment will establish 100th Street S as the Southwest Arterial connection necessary to open over 2,000 acres of development for approved industrial and residential projects, while supporting existing businesses, such as: Renewal by Anderson, Up North Plastics, Air Gas, American Logistic Services and 3M. Today, these area businesses provide thousands of jobs. Additionally, new multiuse trail connections will encourage non-motorized transportation and fill gaps in the regional trail network.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer money because, upon completion, it better connects the growing business park to transport routes, bolstering the regional economy, while simultaneously providing alternate transportation options and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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,

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Angie Craig Member of Congress