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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Renovation of Snelling Motel to Affordable Housing for Veterans project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, located at 1000 University Ave West Suite 10, Saint Paul, MN 55104.

The requested \$750,000 would supplement state, local, and philanthropic support to acquire and convert the current facilities into independent permanent housing units suitable for long-term habitation. The funding would be used to convert the Snelling Motel into affordable housing for Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Minnesota is experiencing a critical shortage of affordable housing, Veterans with low income are at a great disadvantage in the current housing market, especially in the twin cities metropolitan region. Expansion of the supportive housing program would help underrepresented Veterans stabilize their lives by providing affordable housing suited to the unique needs of this population.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress