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April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Wood Lake Nature Center Building Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richfield located at 6700 Portland Ave, Richfield, MN 55423.

The requested \$5 million would go towards construction of an ADA-accessible, energy efficient Wood Lake Nature Center Building. 100,000 thousand people visit the Center each year; with an annual average of 22,500 thousand people attending programs at the facility. The current building is over 50 years old, in a state of disrepair, and the demand for visitors has outgrown the space - dozens of visit requests from schools are denied every year due to space constraints. The goal of this project is to ensure that families in Richfield, which are majority people of color, and others throughout Minnesota's Fifth can access the services and education offered at Wood Lake Nature Center.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress