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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Afghan Cultural Society of MN in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Afghan Cultural Society of MN, located at 301 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

The funding would be used to acquire a 5000-square foot, three-story building that the office is in to expand the legal and professional services they offer to their clients. Ownership would enable ACS to adequately serve the area's low- and moderate-income refugee and immigrant communities and address an urgent community development need: promoting self-sufficiency among the area's 2,000 recently arrived Afghan individuals and families.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the taxpayers of Minneapolis, MN rely community leaders to uplift refugee community and encourage self-sufficiency for these families, overall supporting greater independence and integration into the city.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 42 U.S.C., 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress