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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for City of Hilltop Emergency Tornado Shelter in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Hilltop, located at 4555 Jackson Street NE, Hilltop, MN 55421.

The funding would be used to build a 6,000 sq. ft. Emergency Tornado Shelter to improve public safety for residents of manufactured homes which dominate the community. Sixty-six percent (66%) of the housing units in the community are manufactured homes which are extremely vulnerable to tornadoes and other extreme weather. Established decades before shelters became mandatory, none of the parks in Hilltop have formal tornado shelters, they have evacuation plans in lieu of shelters. The only shelter in the community in the basement of City Hall is not handicap accessible and has a capacity of only 174.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the taxpayers of Hilltop, MN rely on public facilities to enhance their public safety, especially in this low-income community dominated by manufactured housing.

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) – the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public works, facilities, and site or other improvements.

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress