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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mni Sota Fund Indigenous Wealth Building Center in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Mni Sota Fund, located at 817 5th Ave S, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

The funding would be used to acquire, renovate, and equip a building, which will be an indigenous wealth building center. Specifically, the building will be used for staff offices, community classrooms, and a Native American business pipeline, by teaching courses in entrepreneurial training, first time homebuyer education, and capital investment through the loan fund.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the taxpayers of Minnesota, MN rely on local entrepreneurship and community-led financial services to enhance the city's economy.

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) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress