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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding Minneapolis Farmers Market Sustainable Modernization Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Minneapolis, located at 350 S 5th Street, 301M, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

The funding would be used for needed infrastructure improvements to the Minneapolis Farmers Market, the city's oldest and largest farmers market, to support more than 125 small businesses that participate annually and increase resident access to healthy food. Redesigned parking and market access will conform to current ADA standards, improve customer flow, and increase market security. Structured roofs will support solar panels to provide the market with a sustainable power source for lighting, hot water, and an on-site communication system. The new design will also allow for the flexibility of some indoor spaces to extend the market season, as well as additional vendor stalls. Modernized bathrooms will contribute to a welcoming, comfortable environment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the taxpayers of Minneapolis rely on the Minneapolis Farmers Market as a marketplace for their goods as well as a location to purchase food. This farmers market is located in an area that is one of the largest food deserts in the country.

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