April 27, 2021

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar
1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Omar:

I am writing in support of the application for Community Project Funding submitted by Hennepin Healthcare for the rebuilding of the Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic.

Hennepin Healthcare has a proven track record of providing equitable, accessible health and wellness services to our diverse community. The Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic was destroyed during the civil unrest following George Floyd’s death. This clinic and the primary zip codes served in South Minneapolis are in a Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and an Opportunity Zone comprised of a young, diverse population with strong projected growth (5.9% in 2019-2024). While this facility will be built in Minnesota’s Fifth Congressional District, it will undoubtedly serve my constituents in the Third District as well.

This project is a priority because it will provide critical primary care to over 9,000 patients in a Federally Designated MUA, co-locate mental health services and primary care services, and prototype a new trauma-informed primary care model in Minneapolis. The Hennepin County Mental Health Center that provided 22,000 visits in 2019 will be co-housed with Hennepin Healthcare primary care that provided 15,500 visits in 2019. Co-location will allow for joint services to adults with serious mental health and substance abuse issues.

The new clinic will be located on the light rail line to help with transportation barriers community members face when seeking healthcare. In 2020, M Health Fairview and HealthPartners closed clinics within two miles of East Lake Clinic, increasing the community need for clinical services in this MUA, especially mental health, addiction, pediatrics, and primary care. It is vital to provide medical services in this area.

For these reasons, I believe this initiative is critical to the Twin Cities communities we represent, and I support funding for this capital project.

Sincerely,

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021

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1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Omar:

This letter serves as my full endorsement for the rebuilding of Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic.

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I urge you to consider funding for this capital project.

Sincerely,

Patricia Torres Ray
State Senator - District 63
April 26, 2021

The Honorable Congresswoman Ilhan Omar
United States Senate
1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Omar:

I am writing to express support for the rebuilding of the Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic. The Bush Foundation is a funder of the trauma-informed primary care model they are piloting in the clinic. We view this work as potentially transformative for our region — influencing health care far beyond this one clinic or care system.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jen Ford Reedy
President
Bush Foundation
April 26, 2021

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1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Omar,

As the State Representative for House District 63A, this letter serves as my full endorsement for the rebuilding of the Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic.

In our commitment to rebuilding our community, we must ensure that our efforts are aligned with the work to make Minnesota a better, more equitable place for our diverse residents. The Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic was destroyed during the civil unrest after George Floyd’s death. This clinic and the primary zip codes served in South Minneapolis are in a Federally Designated Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and an Opportunity Zone comprised of a young, diverse population projecting strong growth of 5.9% (2019-2024).

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Furthermore, there is current and planned housing construction of 560 living units, including micro-units, mixed-income, and affordable senior units on the same campus as the new clinic building location.

This project is a priority because it will provide critical primary care to over 9,000 patients in an underserved area, bring together mental health services and primary care services, and prototype a new trauma-informed primary care model in Minneapolis.

I urge you to consider funding for this capital project.

Sincerely,

Jim Davnie
State Representative
April 27, 2021

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Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,

Joseph P. Lally
Executive Director, Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation
March 22, 2021

The Honorable Ilhan Omar
1730 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Omar,

We are grateful for your vigorous and consistent advocacy on behalf of Hennepin County and its residents. As you begin to consider Fiscal Year 2022 community project appropriations requests, we would appreciate your support for these key initiatives that our Commission has included in our approved federal agenda:

**Blue Line Extension**
Extension of this light rail system would connect communities from Downtown Minneapolis to Brooklyn Park. The route would better connect our communities, expanding access to jobs, education, and healthcare across Hennepin County.

**B Line & E Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**
Expanding Arterial BRT to include the proposed B Line and E Line would add dozens of bus stations throughout Hennepin County. These new routes and updated facilities will extend to communities previously underserved, connecting Hennepin residents to jobs and vital services.

**Family Dependency Treatment Court**
Data shows that in Hennepin County opioid use strongly predicts child protection involvement. The FDTC would protect the safety and welfare of children while giving their parents or guardians the tools necessary to become sober, responsible caregivers.

**Emergency Shelter System**
We intend to improve the emergency shelter systems available to those experiencing homelessness by better aligning their access to the current shelter network with federal standards around coordinated entry.

**Rebuilding the Hennepin Healthcare East Lake Clinic**
The East Lake Clinic was destroyed due to civil unrest following the death of George Floyd. The new location and state of the art facility has direct access to light rail transit, will pilot an expansion of traditional primary care with one-stop access to improved services, and has received a Bush Foundation Community Involvement Grant to create a trauma-informed primary care model that considers the effects of systematic racism and trauma on health.
We have selected these projects because we believe strongly that they will benefit our residents, expanding and modernizing physical access to our County’s diverse communities and allowing our residents to benefit from contemporary public health and human services solutions. We appreciate your support and, should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Kareem Murphy, Intergovernmental Relations Director, at 612-596-9711.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marion Greene, Chair
Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
April 26, 2021

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Sincerely,

Allison Sharkey

Allison Sharkey
Executive Director, Lake Street Council
April 26, 2021

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Sincerely,

Sherman Associates, Inc.

Chris Sherman
President