Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1,800,000 in funding for the Waadag Commons project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Minneapolis, located at: 505 4th Ave S, Suite 320, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it meets a need of providing new and affordable large family housing, serves those experiencing homelessness, is community-led, and will be constructed and owned in partnership with a BIPOC and woman-owned developer. This project is the final phase of the Seward Commons redevelopment efforts, which has transformed the neighborhood from a blighted industrial park to a high-density and transit-oriented housing and commercial area serving diverse incomes. This funding request will fill the final current financing gap and allow this project to close and begin construction in late 2021 or early 2022.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Member of Congress