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April 29, 2022

Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Como Park Zoo & Conservatory** in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **City of Saint Paul**, located at 15 W. Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55102. The funding would be used to replace the inefficient natural gas steam boiler, which is more than 40 years old, with a Hydro Geothermal Heat Pump (HGHP), a more energy efficient heating and cooling system. This will address critical animal habitat and energy efficiency asset preservation to meet modern zoological practices, and will help begin the decarbonization of the Como Zoo & Conservatory campus. The HGHP achieves a much higher performance profile than a natural gas steam boiler and traditional geothermal system. The proposed retrofit is expected to reduce Como Zoo & Conservatory emissions by up to 50%, lowering facility operating costs so more resources can be used to enhance programs that serve the community, and will also help the city attain their carbon neutrality goal by 2030 as outlined in their Climate Action Resiliency Plan

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

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress