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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Weir Drive Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Woodbury, located at 8301 Valley Creek Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. The funding would be used to elevate and improve a ½-mile stretch of Weir Drive, a dead-end roadway serving the Woodland Pointe apartment complex, E-STEM Middle School, and several businesses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will elevate two low points along Weir Drive that currently convey stormwater. When the roadway floods, it cuts off access for residents in and out of Weir Drive. These taxpayer funds will ensure access to Weir Drive for low-income residents at the Woodland Pointe apartments, teachers and students at E-STEM Middle School, and the customers and proprietors of several businesses that sit along the roadway. Additionally, these improvements will ensure that first responders have access to all points of Weir Drive in the event of an emergency while the road is flooded. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress