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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 Workforce Development & Training Center at the East Side Boys & Girls Club in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, located at 690 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55130. The funding would be used to renovate, expand, and improve an existing building to build out a new Workforce Development & Training Center.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the youth in this community need access to high quality youth development programs to help break cycles of generational poverty by giving youth a vision for the future and a path with which to achieve it. In the greater East Side of Saint Paul, 27 percent of households earn less than \$35,000 per year and nearly 26 percent of all East Side youth are living at or below the poverty line. Nearly 52 percent of all residents 25 years or older either didn't graduate from high school or have a high school diploma or GED with no additional formal education. This project will create increased opportunities to connect young people to a broad range of career opportunities. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress