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March 29, 2026

Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mount Airy Energy Efficiency Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Saint Paul, located at 15 W Kellogg Blvd, 700 CH, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

The funding would be used to construct a geothermal district energy system to provide affordable, resilient, and clean heating to low-income households at the Mount Airy Homes, owned and operated by the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because This project will increase energy efficiency and yield lower utility costs, reducing federal utility subsidy needs for at-risk residents, and allowing cost-savings to be reinvested into maintaining this housing asset.

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