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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 Riverview Library Renovation Phase II 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 renovate and expand the historic Riverview Library to maintain its rich character and establish it as a resource-rich space that is welcoming, accessible, flexible and reflects the culture of the neighborhood. Funding will support improvements including an increase in square footage, expanded sight lines, and a new accessible entrance that will welcome everyone in the community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because renovating the Riverview Library will dramatically transform the potential for this library to serve as a dynamic community space and resource hub, strengthening the social infrastructure of the West Side of Saint Paul. Investment and improvements will position the Riverview library to even more effectively meet contemporary community needs related to early childhood learning, workforce development, digital infrastructure and inclusion, and social connection.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C 5305 (a)(5).

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