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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-130 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Bruce Vento Regional Trail Extension in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ramsey County, located at the Bruce Vento Regional Trail from Buerkle Road to County Road J in Ramsey County, MN.

The funding would be used to provide final design and construction plans for a six-mile alternate regional trail alignment that is mainly outside of rail property on public land and will complete the last two undeveloped segments of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail from Buerkle Road to County Road J in the cities/township of Gem Lake, White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, Vadnais Heights in Ramsey County, Minnesota. This project will provide critical pedestrian connections to a proposed arterial bus rapid transit project (aka. Rush Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)) between Buerkle Road and Highway 96 and the Bruce Vento Regional Trail will provide access to these station stops. In addition, this project will provide connections to the Highway 96 Regional Trail, Lakes Line Regional Trail, South Shore Lake Trail, local trails, and provide a future connection to the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail.

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

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress