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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brooklyn Park Youth and Teen Center in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brooklyn Park, located at 5200 85th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55443.

The funding would be used by the City of Brooklyn Park to expand or create new space for youth and teens at the existing Zanewood Center. The new or expanded facility would create space intentionally designed to engage young people using activities of interest including a music studio, electronic gaming, school and homework support, computer lab, arts and wellness programming, life skills development (e.g., cooking, sewing, etc.), possible gym/fitness space, and flexible multi-purpose area. In addition to the program space being created, a portion of the facility will be dedicated to workforce development to help teens and young adults grow their skills and develop the tools they need for business success. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide a centralized location to provide resources for young people and families experiencing barriers related to food, housing, safety and other systemic barriers to education and employment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code section 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Phillips", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dean Phillips
Member of Congress