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State of Minnesota

March 23, 2026

The Honorable Tom Emmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Emmer:

We write to express our strong support for the City of Independence request for federal funding to support critical infrastructure improvements to Ihduhapi Road, the primary access route serving the Vinland campus in the City of Independence, Minnesota.

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The proposed project has strong local and regional support and represents a critical investment in both infrastructure and healthcare access. The City is requesting \$1,000,000 in federal funding to support these improvements.

We respectfully urge your consideration of this request as part of the Fiscal Year appropriations process. This investment will directly benefit vulnerable Minnesotans while strengthening critical infrastructure in the region.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support for Minnesota communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren Limmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Warren Limmer
State Senator – District 37

Kristin Robbins
State Representative
District 37A



Minnesota
House of
Representatives

March 23, 2026

The Honorable Kelly Morrison
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Morrison:

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I hope you will give this request every consideration as part of the appropriations process. This investment will directly benefit vulnerable Minnesotans while strengthening critical infrastructure in the region.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support for communities in the Third District.

Best Wishes,

State Representative Kristin Robbins
District 37A

Proudly representing Corcoran, Greenfield, Independence, Loretto, Maple Grove, Maple Plain & Medina



March 12, 2026

Congressman Tom Emmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Congressman Emmer,

The City of Independence respectfully requests your support for **\$1,000,000 in federal Community Project Funding for the Ihduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement Project** serving the Vinland National Center campus in Independence, Minnesota.

Ihduhapi Road provides the primary transportation access to Vinland National Center, a nonprofit residential treatment campus that serves individuals with substance use disorders and cognitive disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries. Patients and families travel from throughout Minnesota and neighboring states to receive specialized treatment services at the campus.

Ensuring safe and reliable access to this facility is critically important for patient transportation, staff commuting, and emergency response. Improvements to Ihduhapi Road will enhance roadway safety, strengthen transportation access, and support the continued operation of one of the region's most important treatment facilities serving vulnerable populations.

The City of Independence is proud to partner with Vinland National Center to improve this roadway and support the continued delivery of essential treatment services. Federal Community Project Funding will help ensure that patients and healthcare providers can safely access the campus year-round.

We respectfully request your support for the **\$1,000,000 federal funding request for the Ihduhapi Road Safety and Access Improvement Project** in the FY2027 appropriations process.

Thank you for your continued leadership on behalf of Minnesota communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Spencer", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Brad Spencer
Mayor, City of Independence

Independence City Council Members
[Council Members Ray McCoy, Brad Fisher, Steve Grotting and Lynn Betts]

The Phoenix Spirit™

March 22, 2026

The Honorable Tom Emmer
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Aaron Shepherd

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Wemple". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Amy Wemple, RD, LD
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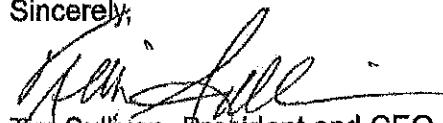
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Tim Sullivan, President and CEO
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