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Congress of the United States  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Meeting Room  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Independence Ihduhapi Road Safety, Access, and Infrastructure Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Independence, located at 1920 County Rd 90, Independence, MN, 55359. The funding would be used to pave and improve approximately one mile of Ihduhapi Road, a currently unpaved gravel roadway that serves as the primary access route to the Vinland National Center campus and surrounding properties. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a long-standing infrastructure need while improving transportation safety and reliability for the City of Independence and the surrounding region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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,



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress