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The Honorable Tom Emmer 315 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Emmer:

I am the Director of Residential Services for Vinland National Center and have worked for the agency for 16 years. Vinland National Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing treatment for chemical dependency and cognitive disabilities, located in Independence, MN (Hennepin County).

Brain injury has been referred to as the silent epidemic, due to the many who suffer with ongoing symptoms but have no community to rely upon. Adults with substance use disorders and brain injuries are some of the most vulnerable Minnesotans.

I continue to work for the center because it provides a healthy community to those that it serves. It does this through a combination of mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, medical care, an exercise program, and treatment coordination to set them up for success when they return to the community.

Your support for community project funding provides a benefit to the larger communities of Minnesota by allowing us to continue to bring these valuable services that improve the health and wellbeing of Minnesotans.

Kind Regards,

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