April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Sumner Area - Green Corridor Design project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, 701 North Seventh Street., Suite 945, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

The funding would provide for engineering and design of the green corridor for redevelopment of the existing street grid in the Sumner neighborhood. The project would include study and design of establishing a green corridor in the Sumner neighborhood for stormwater management utilizing the existing street grid and redevelopment of the vacant neighborhood. This award would be spent on engineering design for redevelopment of the neighborhood with a green corridor to address inland overflow issues that caused many redlined homes to have to be abandoned and ultimately demolished. This project will design green infrastructure to address the inland overflow issues that caused massive disinvestment in this historically redlined neighborhood of Douglas Sumner. By addressing the inland overflow, the UG will be able to use an NRSA and its related HUD programs to redevelop this residential neighborhood with hiking trails adjacent to the green corridor, connect Waterway Park, Big Eleven Lake, Elin Forest Park, Heathwood Park to Jersey Creek Park and Trail through these improvements. The improvements will be done in conjunction with the UGs approved WIFIA program to address stormwater issues. The project will also help with the UGs consent degree for combined sewers and related MS4 issues.

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

Sincerely,

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