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To Committee Chair,

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Mohamud Noor

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our issues about SEWA-AIFW's Cultural Service Center project.

This initiative allows SEWA-Aifw to acquire, renovate, and equip the SEWA-AIFW Cultural Service Center in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. I am a physician volunteer for SEWA which provides free health clinics in our community. With this type of clinics, we have detected and counseled families to get appropriate investigations for certain disease. This is essential for preventive care and better health of our children in Minnesota. Not only will this project create a valuable space for the South Asian communities in Minnesota, but a valuable resource that will increase SEWA's capacity to assist, train, and provide overall support. I advocate for this project and ongoing work in our community. SEWA has provided invaluable services to low-income and limited English-speaking South Asians in Minnesota since 2004.

By creating the SEWA-AIFW Cultural Service Center, SEWA can continue to grow, meeting the needs of our South Asian communities.

Sewa-Aifw provide SNAP outreach, Meals-on-Wheels, free and bilingual health screenings, mental health counseling, youth sports, leadership programs, and support to survivors of sexual or domestic violence. It is more critical than ever and during the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to lay bare Minnesota's existing racial disparities, opportunities centering Minnesota's communities. I am eager to hear about your proposal for the Non-profit Capitol Investment Project Grant to support SEWA's purchase and renovation of the Cultural Service Center. I value SEWA's dedication to providing such indispensable services to the South Asian communities of our district. Again, congratulations on this work. I look forward to supporting this project as you continue your work.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



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