

Good afternoon,

On behalf of U.S. Senator Tina Smith, congratulations to the City of Sandstone, Meghan Elliott of Jillpine, and all of the partners who have contributed to this incredible effort to repurpose “The Rock”, on today’s exciting milestone.

Now, redeveloping a building that is over a century old, 39,000 square feet, and has been idle for decades may *sound* easy...but Senator Smith recognizes the enormous challenge – and the opportunity – that this project presents. She deeply appreciates the commitment that these partners are making to revitalize a treasured community asset and create more workforce housing units here in Sandstone, where employers say they could really use them.

Senator Smith is proud of the support that the federal government has provided for this project, and you can count on her to continue fighting for this and other efforts to address our housing crisis.

Once again, on behalf of U.S. Senator Tina Smith, congratulations!