Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Tom Cole House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Middle Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Company's purchase of a tanker in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Middle Taylor Township Volunteer Fire Company, located at 688 Benshoff Hill Road Johnstown, PA, 15906. The funding would be used to purchase a used fire apparatus tanker.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project would help to ensure the safety and wellbeing for Middle Taylor Township's firefighters by providing a sufficient amount of water at a fire scene. It will also improve the fire company's ability to respond to both respond to and prevent fires, improving the safety of the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress