## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Chairwoman Kay Granger 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 Spangler Fire Company's energy independent fire station in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Spangler Fire Company, located at 2001 Bigler Avenue, Northern Cambria, PA 15714. The funding would be used for an energy independent fire station.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the new facility will be more attractive to volunteers, especially young adults (age 14+), where emergency response classes and activities allow them to serve their community, develop skills for social responsibility, prepare them for careers and vocations, and develop collaboration with mentors and peers. Every dollar saved by receiving funding assistance will directly benefit the community and the citizens and merchants that they serve. Their history of investing in the community has paid dividends and a new fire station will only continue to keep the community strong.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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