

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 2, 2025

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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company for a self-contained breathing apparatus upgrade. The entity to receive funding for this project is McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company, located at 112 East Maple Street McConnellsburg, PA 17233. The funding would be used to purchase a new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project is vital for McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company's fire and rescue services. This self-contained breathing apparatus upgrade allows firefighters to enter hazardous situations in order to rescue citizens. This project will allow the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company to continue to provide fire and rescue services that citizens deserve.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Joyce, M.D.

Member of Congress