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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Station Addition Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Stephens Fire Department, located at 4060 Springs Road, Conover, North Carolina 28613. The funding would be used to purchase a new pumper to replace an existing unit, bringing the department's apparatus back onto a normal replacement cycle and ensuring the equipment meets current manufacturing standards with increased pump capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support public safety in a growing district by improving emergency response capabilities and helping maintain favorable insurance ratings for residents and businesses.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Pat Harrigan
Member of Congress