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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,750,000 for the Jefferson FPD Station and Training Facility Building project in Mt. Vernon, IL in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jefferson Fire Protection District, located at 1600 S. 10th Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

The proposed project will consist of building state-of-the-art facilities that will provide them with the opportunity to continue to meet the current needs as well as prepare for the future. The planned project is to build a new fire station that will accommodate lodging for both male and female workers, something that they do not have now. It is a goal to provide a building that will provide better functionality and flow that will allow for workspace but also private space accessible only for their members. The apparatus bay will be a large area with drive through bays. The training facility will be a state-of-the-art facility that will allow for many practical training purposes. The training facility will resemble a modern multi house and garage that makes up most of the fire calls. This facility will allow them to hone their skills and be able to give hands on training on skill sets that they have never been able to do before with their limited resources.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The Jefferson Fire Protect District serves multiple towns and rural areas that make up a 230 square mile fire district. Serving as a combination fire district, the community sees the importance of having a fire station that is centrally located for service within the district boundaries. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve essential community services for the town and surrounding area.

This project has a Federal nexus because it 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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress