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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 \$3,600,000 to construct a new fire station for the Altamont Fire Protection District in Altamont, IL in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Altamont Fire Protection District, located at 109 W Jefferson Avenue, Altamont, IL 62411.

The proposed project will construct a new 17,000 square foot fire station to replace the Altamont Fire Protection District's outdated and undersized existing facility. The new station will include administrative offices, meeting and training rooms, multiple apparatus bays, turnout gear storage, decontamination and shower areas, mechanical and utility rooms, and dedicated spaces for personnel health, safety, and operational readiness. The facility will be designed to meet current NFPA standards, improve response times, support modern fire and EMS operations, and accommodate future growth within the Altamont Fire Protection District.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. A new fire station will significantly enhance public safety and emergency response capabilities within the Altamont Fire Protection District. This facility will allow firefighters to respond more quickly and effectively to fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and severe weather events, directly reducing loss of life and property. This project benefits the community by improving response times, expanding training capacity, and providing proper decontamination, gear storage, and living quarters that protect firefighter health. The new station will also serve as a community resource for public education, emergency preparedness, and local events. Ultimately, this critical infrastructure investment supports long-term public safety, reduces future disaster-related costs, and provides a durable, multi-generational asset for the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress