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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 \$605,000 for a new fire engine for the City of Centralia Fire Department in Centralia, IL in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Centralia Fire Department, located at 101 S Locust Street, Centralia, IL 62801.

The proposed project will allow the Centralia Fire Department to purchase a new fire engine. This project is important to public safety, as one of the Fire Department's current fire engines is over 30 years old and has exceeded its anticipated lifespan.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The City of Centralia maintains a full-time fire department with two facilities and three engines, a 1993 Seagrave 120 GPM, 2005 Pierce Contender 1250 GPM, and a 2020 Pierce Saber 2000 GPM. The Centralia Fire Department's acquisition of a new fire engine is vital to replace the 1993 fire engine that is still being utilized for emergency response. In 2025, the department responded to 1,958 calls with 1,212 of those calls being for rescue and emergency medical service incidents. The replacement of the 1993 fire engine will ensure that the Centralia Fire Department is able to meet its mission "to protect life and property from loss, suffering, and damage due to fire, medical and environmental emergencies within the community through public education, code management, and incident response." Investing in this critical infrastructure is a prudent use of federal taxpayer dollars as it ensures public safety and preparedness for emergencies, directly impacting our community's most vulnerable populations and safeguarding essential community structures.

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 have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress