

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southwest Polk Fire District Station Facility Upgrades in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southwestern Polk County Rural Fire District located at 15455 Salt Creek Road, Dallas Oregon 97338.

The funding will be used to expand and modernize an existing fire station. The project will construct additional apparatus bays to store fire engines and ambulances indoors in a climate-controlled environment rather than outdoors. The project will also create permanent interior crew quarters to replace temporary sleeping trailers used by on-duty personnel.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly strengthen emergency response capabilities within the district. Currently, critical emergency vehicles must be stored outdoors, and firefighters sleep in temporary sleeping trailers. These conditions can delay response times, increase equipment wear and negatively impact staff recruitment and retention. By providing indoor apparatus storage and modern crew quarters, the project will improve response readiness, extend the life of costly emergency equipment, enhance firefighter safety and morale, and ensure reliable fire and emergency medical services for thousands of residents and visitors who depend on the District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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,



MEMBER OF CONGRESS