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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Replacement of Fire Engine project in the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Potomac Fire Company No. 2, Inc., located at 61 Main Street, Westernport MD 21562.

If awarded, this funding would be used to purchase a new fire engine to increase their response capacity to other towns in Garrett and Allegany Co., and Mineral Co. WV. The current apparatus is more than 33 years old, and is costing the department severely in maintenance and mechanical costs. Additionally, the current vehicle does not meet NFPA standards.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

**David Trone** 

Member of Congress