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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bertie County, NC Emergency Chemical Response Ladder Fire Truck project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bertie County Government, located at:

106 Dundee Street Windsor, North Carolina 27983

Bertie County requires a 103-foot Ladder Fire Truck to be placed at a new facility nearby to four agricultural industries in the western portions of Bertie County and Lewiston Woodville, NC where first responders are currently not equipped to respond to the potential release of hazardous materials or fire incidents. The proposed Ladder Fire Truck will ensure the county can respond to fires at the West Bertie Industrial Park. Each site has chemical storage facilities. The ladder truck will enable firefighters to combat a blaze and Hazmat situation from a distance. Additionally, this area has experienced the most growth in the county without significant infrastructure upgrades, with the nearest fire station being currently 40 to 45 minutes away.

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.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Donald G. Davis Member of Congress

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