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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$800,000.00 for the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department New Building Acquisition and Renovation project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive this funding is Weber City Volunteer Fire Department, located at 149 Roland Street, Weber City, VA 24290.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would assist in acquisition and renovation of the former Weber City Food City in Weber City, Virginia. Additionally, the building needs significant renovations to bring it up code required by the Commonwealth of Virginia, including the exhaust system, garage doors, fire barrier wall, offices, training rooms, and male and female bathrooms/showers.

Currently, the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department is operating out of a building owned by the Town of Weber City. This building is located upon a hill and is not safe for ingress/egress of trucks and equipment. This project relocates the Weber City Volunteer Fire Department on U.S. Highway 23 North, which is heavily traveled and is one of the main corridors connecting Virginia and Tennessee in that part of the state. The fire department responds to many accidents and life-threatening emergencies on this highway.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH Member of Congress