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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Spring Grove, MN, Fire Station as a community funding project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the City of Spring Grove located at 118 First Avenue NW, P.O. Box 218, Spring Grove, MN 55974.

The funding would be used to assist in the construction of a new fire station, enabling the town of Spring Grove to provide fire and rescue services to its residents, as well as store the needed equipment and vehicles to serve the city and surrounding townships.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current fire station, first constructed in 1947, has limited the city's ability to store current equipment or purchase new equipment to service the city and surrounding communities. Moreover, the current location of the fire station on Main Street (State Highway 44) poses safety risks for first responders and the public as the department is required to block highway traffic when entering and exiting the building during a fire call.

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,

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