



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Howard Fire Company Rescue Jet Boat project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Howard Fire Company No. 1 Inc., located at 341 Walnut Street, Howard, PA 16841.

The funding for this project will be used to replace and upgrade its existing 25-year-old rescue jet boat, which is vital for water-based rescue operations. Over the past decade, the company has seen a significant increase in water rescue incidents, largely driven by more widespread flooding across Pennsylvania. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance public safety by allowing the company to navigate shallow waters during flood rescues and river emergencies, meeting the evolving demands of these rescue operations.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glenn" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

Glenn "GT" Thompson  
Member of Congress