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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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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 enhancement of the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company Regional Emergency Services Hub in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company located at 1600 Dewey Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701.

The funding for this project will be used to repair and rehabilitate the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company's existing building, including enhancements to accommodate fulltime, live-in training facilities to help alleviate a shortage of first responders in central Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania continues to face a critical first responder recruitment and retention shortage and this funding will help combat the shortage in rural communities like Lycoming County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve public safety.

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,

Glenn "GT" Thompson Member of Congress