



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro: I am requesting funding for the Belle Valley Fire House in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Millcreek Township Fire Department, located at 3608 West 26th Street Erie PA 16506. The funding would be used to replace the current facility, which is outdated, undersized, and located in a flood-prone area that has experienced repeated flooding events. These flooding incidents have disrupted emergency response operations and have the potential to place critical fire and emergency medical resources at risk during major storm events. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current fire station is no longer capable of meeting the needs of the township. The Belle Valley Fire Station can no longer effectively operate in housing first responders, and a new station is needed. The Belle Valley Fire Station is one of four fire stations in the Millcreek Township Fire Department, located in a 32 square-mile area. The critical service they provide ensures the safety of the residents, homes, and businesses in the township. This station would allow the fire department to be in close proximity to emergency situations, which could often be the difference between life and death. With over 54,000 residents, Millcreek Township ranks as the 14th largest municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by population. The Fire Departments average over 2,500 calls a year, and the Belle Valley Fire Station remains a critical part of these calls. A new station will also ensure they can adequately accommodate the necessary personnel to be available to respond to calls anytime of day or night, while also protecting their vehicles and equipment from flood damage. The new station will ensure faster response times to emergency situations in the Township, making the whole community safer.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress