



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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company Engine Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company located at 180 Main street, PO Box 242, Connoquenessing, PA 16027. The funding would be used for Purchase of a fire truck (equipment) for an essential community facility is an eligible use of CF funds. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current first due engine and first due rescue vehicle are 30 and 15 years old, exceeding the NFPA standards for usefulness and safety standards. By replacing two vehicles with one, fully equipped combination fire/rescue vehicle saves money, provides faster response times with a full crew of firefighters and rescue technicians. In addition, having a fully equipped vehicle meeting NFPA standards helps ensure the safety of the volunteer fire personnel.

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)(19)(A).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Kelly".