

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON TAX SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the West Mead #1 Volunteer Fire Company – New Engine Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is West Mead #1 Volunteer Fire Company, located at 10482 Liberty Street, Meadville, PA 16335. The funding would be used to assist in purchasing a new pumper/tanker. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current pumper is 30 years old and services mutual aid partners in areas that do not have access to a municipal water system (fire hydrants). A new pumper/tanker, which would increase capacity from 1000 gallons of water on the current pumper to 2500 gallons, with the ability to inject a foam solution into the water that would increase effectiveness by 3-5 times according to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, would enhance public safety and fire response in areas with and without a municipal water supply. Call volume at West Mead #1 volunteer Fire Company has increased 25% between 2021 and 2023 while volunteerism has been down. This project would maximize the ability of firefighters to minimize damage, reduce apparatus on the roadways, and increase the safety of the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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, hhi

Mike Kelly Member of Congress

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE 1707 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, DC 20515 TEL.: (202) 225–5406 FAX: (202) 225–3103 ERIE OFFICE 17 SOUTH PARK ROW SUITE A430 ERIE, PA 16501 TEL.: (814) 454–8190 FAX: (814) 454–8197

SHARON OFFICE 33 CHESTNUT AVENUE SHARON, PA 16146 TeL: (724) 342-7170 FAX: (724) 342-7242 BUTLER OFFICE 245 PITTSBURGH RD SUITE 300 BUTLER, PA 16001 TEL.: (724) 282–2557 FAX: (724) 282–3682