



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

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company, Connoquenessing Township, PA in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Township, located at 180 Main Street, P.O. Box 242 Connoquenessing, PA 16027. The funding would be used for the construction of a new 16,000 sq ft fire station on already owned fire station property located on State Route 68. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because current building was built in the early 1900s and does not meet the National Fire Protection Act (NFPA) 1500 standards. The age of the building, size and upkeep make it poor in energy efficiency, limited the ability to respond to the growing population of the township and provide a safe environment for the volunteer firefighters in regard to contaminated gear. Connoquenessing Township and Borough, per the recent census, are one of the fastest growing municipalities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The new station will have closer access to State Route 68, the main travel artery through the area.

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,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress