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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Fort Meade, Florida's Firehouse in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fort Meade, located at 8 West Broadway, P.O. Box 856, Fort Meade, Florida, 33841. Allocation of funds would be used to construct and harden a building that will be standardized with sleeping quarters, equipped training room, public lobby area and adequate space for fire trucks to enter.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because building a new firehouse will modernize and equip the city with sufficient space to carry on this important public safety need. Additionally, the funds will be used to ensure the firehouse is equipped for the staging of natural disasters and meet National Fire Protection Association standards.

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,

C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress