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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for renovation and addition to the Columbus Fire station in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Columbus Rural Fire District #3, located at 944 E Pike Ave, Columbus MT 59019. The funding would be used to expand the station building in order to accommodate for significant increases in staffing and to effectively house Columbus Fire Rescue's engines. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help modernize a nearly 24-year-old facility, enhancing public safety, disaster readiness, and regional response capabilities

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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Downing".

Troy Downing
Member of Congress