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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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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 the Red Lodge Fire Rescue Station upgrades in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Red Lodge Rural Fire District 7, located at 801 Broadway Ave N, Red Lodge, MT 59068. The funding would be used for a proposed project that will expand and reconfigure apparatus bays, add a dedicated training classroom, improve gear storage, and improve space to support long-duration operations at the Red Lodge Fire Rescue Station. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand and modernize the outdated station, enhancing a regional, volunteer-driven emergency response system that serves over 600 square miles through a consolidated partnership model—improving public safety, disaster readiness, and the efficient use of limited rural resources.

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