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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting Community Project Funding for the Braintree Firefighter Headquarters Renovation for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Braintree, located at 1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.

The funding would be used to modernize the Braintree Fire Headquarters to meet current building codes, safety standards, and operational needs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because by replacing aging building support systems and making structural modifications to accommodate modern operational needs, the project will reduce ongoing maintenance expenses and prolong the lifespan of the facility, leading to cost savings over time. The process will involve upgrading administrative spaces, apparatus bays for vehicle maintenance, and firefighter living quarters to ensure they align with contemporary requirements for functionality, accessibility, and safety. By enhancing the Fire Department's ability to respond to emergencies promptly and efficiently, the project contributes to overall community safety and well-being while preserving the historic integrity of the building.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely.

Stephen F. Lynch Member of Congress