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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sterling Heights Fire Department - Fire Station No. 5 and Fire Headquarters Renovation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Sterling Heights, located at 40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313. The funding would be used for covering the cost associated with (a) constructing and equipping space with cancer preventative features to protect firefighters returning from a fire suppression event at Sterling Heights Fire Station #5; (b) renovating the centralized training center; and (c) storm proofing the facility so the ability to respond to large-scale weather events is not compromised.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because firefighters are first responders who must respond to emergency events, even when such responses present a risk to their personal health and well-being. Firefighters' exposure to carcinogens presented at a fire event increases their risk of developing certain cancers. The objective of reducing the job-related risk to firefighters is paramount. Also, providing a facility to train and protect firefighters enhances their capacity to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and businesses they serve.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John James".

John James