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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Orange Cove Fire District's Fire Station Remodel and Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Orange Cove Fire Protection District, located at 550 Center Street, Orange Cove, CA 93646.

The funding would be used to remodel and upgrade the current fire station, including repairs and upgrades to apparatus bay doors, installation of a fire truck exhaust extraction system to remove toxic diesel fumes, equipment and plumbing upgrades for firefighter gear decontamination and washing, and improvements to lighting, insulation, electrical systems, and kitchen space for firefighters serving 48-hour shifts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would modernize an outdated emergency response facility that is critical to public safety in Orange Cove and the surrounding district. The station, which was constructed in the 1970s, is the only fire station serving the City of Orange Cove and the broader district, covering more than 11,500 people across approximately 50 square miles, while also providing automatic assistance to Fresno County Fire. These upgrades would improve firefighter health and safety, strengthen emergency response capacity, and help ensure the facility can continue meeting current and future service demands.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided 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,

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress