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The Honorable Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Letter of Support – Pacific County Fire District 8 Fire Engine Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez,

As the Mayor of the City of South Bend, I am writing to express strong support for Pacific County Fire District 8's request for Community Project Funding to purchase a new fire engine to serve the residents and businesses of our rural community.

Fire District 8 provides critical fire protection and emergency response services for many residents who live and work in and around South Bend. Our community relies on the district's firefighters to respond to structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle accidents, and other emergencies that threaten lives, homes, businesses, and infrastructure. Reliable firefighting apparatus is essential to maintaining an effective emergency response system in our rural community.

The region includes residential neighborhoods, forest lands, farms, and key transportation routes, all of which present unique emergency response challenges. Having up to date firefighting equipment helps ensure that emergency responders can act quickly and safely when incidents occur.

A new fire engine will strengthen local and regional emergency response capabilities and support mutual aid operations with neighboring fire districts throughout Pacific County. This investment will improve the safety and resilience of our community while helping protect homes, businesses, and natural resources for generations to come.

I strongly support this request and respectfully encourage your consideration of this important public safety project.

In community,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Bell".

Mayor
City of South Bend, Washington



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Dear Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez,

I am writing to express my strong support for Pacific County Fire District 8's request for Community Project Funding to acquire a new fire engine to support emergency response services in Pacific County.

The South Bend Police Department works closely with Pacific County Fire District 8 and other local fire agencies on a regular basis. Our departments frequently respond together to vehicle collisions, structure fires, medical emergencies, wildland fires, and other incidents that require coordinated public safety response. Reliable firefighting equipment is essential to ensuring that emergency responders can quickly and safely protect lives, property, and critical infrastructure.

The communities served by Fire District 8 include rural residential neighborhoods, forested areas, farms, and transportation corridors where timely emergency response is critical. Modern and dependable firefighting apparatus improves operational safety for responders and enhances the ability of first responders to manage complex emergency incidents effectively.

A new fire engine will strengthen the district's response capabilities and support mutual aid operations with neighboring fire departments across Pacific County. Ensuring that local fire agencies have reliable equipment benefits the entire community and helps first responders work together more effectively during emergencies.

I strongly support Pacific County Fire District 8's request and respectfully encourage consideration of this important public safety investment.

Sincerely,

Lucas Stigall
Chief of Police
South Bend Police Department
South Bend, Washington



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Dear Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez,

I am writing to express my strong support for Pacific County Fire District 8's request for Community Project Funding to purchase a new fire engine to support emergency response operations in Pacific County.

The South Bend Fire Department is an all-volunteer department that works closely with Pacific County Fire District 8 through a contractual partnership to provide fire protection and emergency response services within the district. Our departments routinely respond together to structure fires, vehicle accidents, wildland fires, and other emergency incidents across the region. Reliable firefighting apparatus is critical to ensuring that our volunteer firefighters can respond safely and effectively when emergencies occur.

The communities served by Fire District 8 include rural residential areas, forest lands, farms, and local businesses. These conditions present a range of emergency risks, including structure fires and wildland fire events. Having dependable, modern firefighting equipment is essential to protecting lives, homes, and property throughout the district and the surrounding region.

A new fire engine for Pacific County Fire District 8 would strengthen our collective emergency response capabilities and improve the reliability and safety of firefighting operations. The vehicle will support both primary response within the district and mutual aid operations throughout Pacific County. This investment will benefit not only the residents of Fire District 8, but the broader network of fire departments that work together to protect our rural communities.

I strongly support this request and respectfully encourage consideration of funding for this important public safety project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McGee".

Timothy McGee
Fire Chief
South Bend Fire Department
South Bend, Washington