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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pacific County Rural Fire Engine Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pacific County Fire District No. 8, located at 1102 W First Street, South Bend, WA 98586. The funding would be used for the purchase of a new fire engine to support emergency response operations across its rural service area in Pacific County, Washington.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing outdated equipment with a modern, reliable fire engine will improve firefighter safety, enhance response reliability, and strengthen the district's ability to protect lives, homes, businesses, forest lands, farms, and key transportation corridors throughout the community. Additionally, the new apparatus will support mutual aid response with neighboring fire departments across Pacific County, strengthening regional emergency preparedness.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MGP', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
Member of Congress