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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fire Department Training Tower project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Illinois Rock Falls Fire Department located at 1013 7th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071. The funding would be used to construct a training tower for the use of the department and other local departments to train firefighters to respond to emergencies in the region.

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

Sincerely,



Eric Sorensen  
Member of Congress