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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Cheraw Fire Station Replacement Project in Cheraw, SC in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This project is located at 205 US-1 South, Cheraw, SC 29520. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Cheraw.

The funding would be used for improvements to the Cheraw Fire Station. This will improve public safety for residents and businesses in the Town of Cheraw, along with the 5-mile radius around the town that the fire department serves. This includes fire service for industrial businesses that employ 3,500 people in manufacturing jobs. Currently, Cheraw's existing fire station does not meet modern standards and requires fire engines to be custom built because the bays are not large enough to accommodate modern engines. Additionally, the current site does not accommodate live fire and other essential training activities and lacks proper facilities to accommodate female fire fighters. This is a good use of taxpayer funding because this would increase overall public safety and the productivity of Cheraw's first responders.

The project has a federal nexus because it is authorized under 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 has any financial interest in this project.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community funding project in the FY25 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Russell Fry

Member of Congress