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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Etowah-Horse Shoe EMS Substation project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Henderson County Emergency Medical Services, located at 2529 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville, NC 28791. The project would construct an EMS Substation in the Etowah-Horse Shoe Community. This facility would provide a lifesaving base for emergency response in a growing part of the community, drastically improving response times.

This project is good use of taxpayer funds because the proposed EMS Substation will provide an improvement in response times to medical emergencies in the Etowah Horse-Shoe community as well as the entire county. Adding a new EMS station will serve all citizens of the county, currently there are times Henderson County needs additional ambulances due to the increasing volume of emergency calls, adding another ambulance crew and station will help assure patients receive the timely response that is needed countywide.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

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Chuck Edwards Member of Congress