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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3311**

May 3, 2024

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 Hazelwood Fire Station Construction project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Waynesville, NC, located at 16 S Main St, Waynesville, NC 28786. This project request will provide for the construction of a new fire station, holding three apparatus bays, ADA-compatible sleeping, and restrooms. The Town uses a functionally obsolescent volunteer fire station to house a full-time fire battalion.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because due to the increasing number of first-response medical calls, the need for a larger, modern station capable of accommodating a full battalion of full-time firefighters is critical.

This project has a Federal nexus as it is for the same 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 this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Edwards  
Member of Congress