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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 Bryson City Fire Department Water Tender Acquisition in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bryson City Fire Department, located at 152 Main St., Bryson City, NC 28713. The funding would be used for the purchase of a new water tender to replace one of two existing tenders currently used by the department.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the tanker being replaced is 31 years old and experiencing frequent mechanical issues requiring expensive repair costs.

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)(2).

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