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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fire Station & Community Center project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Bellevue, located at 537 Bayne Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202.

The funding would be used for a new combined Fire Station and Community Center to replace aging facilities and improve emergency response capacity and public gathering space. The project will include a four-bay fire station with 15-foot-wide apparatus doors, a two-story attached office and living quarters area for personnel, and an integrated community center designed to serve local residents. Site improvements will include ADA-accessible parking, driveway access, fire department parking, and structured parking to address site constraints and neighborhood density.

The project will be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it directly strengthens emergency response capability in a high-density area where response time and apparatus access materially affect life safety outcomes. A modern fire station with appropriate living quarters allows for improved staffing, safer apparatus deployment, and compliance with current building codes and accessibility requirements. Consolidating the fire station with a community center maximizes the use of limited land while providing flexible public space for meetings, recreation and civic programming that supports residents of all ages.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2).

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

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C".

Chris Deluzio