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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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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 Koppel Volunteer Fire Company Quick Response Vehicle for EMS and Fire project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Koppel Volunteer Fire Company, located at 5255 5th Avenue Koppel, Pennsylvania 16136.

The funding would allow the fire company to obtain a Quick Response Vehicle and Lifepak 15. This will allow their certified EMT's/AEMT's to respond to medical calls within the borough ensuring faster patient to provider treatment times. This will also allow them to respond to calls for service such as traffic control, smoke investigations, fire alarm testing, fire hydrant testing, station fills for manpower, and other calls without taking their only engine on the call. Being a rural industrial community, they have extended ETA's for ambulances an average of 20 minutes to the closest hospital that is not a trauma center. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide quick emergency response to a community who currently has long emergency response wait times.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Very respectfully,

Christopher R. Deluzio

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress
