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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Templeton Fire Engine project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Templeton Community Services District, located at 420 Crocker Street, Templeton, CA 93465. The funding would be used to purchase a new front line fire engine with equipment.

This funding is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will be the catalyst to providing the necessary reliability that a fire engine should have for its community. The Templeton Community Service District and Templeton Fire provides fire and emergency services for approximately eight square miles and is desperately in need of a new engine. Their current and only Type 1 engine was purchased in 2015 for \$20,000 from a neighboring agency, and has been having significant reliability issues. Templeton Fire is responsible not only for initial response but, also for the annual inspections of over 400 businesses within the Service District.

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).

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

Sincerely,

Jimmy Panetta Member of Congress