



**United States House of Representatives**  
**19th Congressional District, California**  
**Jimmy Panetta**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
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 Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1.5 million for the Santa Cruz Fire Boat project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Santa Cruz Fire Department located at 230 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, Calif., 95060. The project would acquire a dedicated Marine Fire and Rescue Vessel to provide firefighting, rescue, environmental protection, and emergency response services along the Central Coast.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it fills a critical regional gap in marine emergency response capacity along the Central Coast, where no dedicated fire-rescue vessel currently exists and the nearest mutual-aid resource is 45–60 minutes away.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Panetta', written in a cursive style.

Jimmy Panetta  
Member of Congress