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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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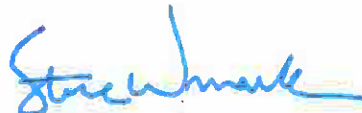
Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Avoca Fire and EMS Station Improvements in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benton County Arkansas, located at 215 E. Central Ave, Bentonville, Arkansas, 72712. The funding would be used for the construction of a new fire and EMS station, including the purchase of a new ambulance and additional equipment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure the long-term safety Avoca's residents, and neighboring regions, by increasing the capabilities of the NEBCO Volunteer Fire Department operational radius and improving response times. Currently, the NEBCO Volunteer Fire Department services an 84 square mile service area, presenting barriers to residents, like the citizens of Avoca, who do not reside near an existing fire or EMS station.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack
Member of Congress