



March 15, 2026

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

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

Re: Community Project Funding Request for the Tulare County Fire Department Apparatus Acquisition Project

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Tulare County Fire Department Apparatus Acquisition Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Tulare, located at 800 W Burrell Ave, Visalia, Ca, 93291.

This request would support the acquisition of a new water tender to strengthen emergency response capabilities across Tulare County, particularly in rural and underserved areas where access to reliable water supply is limited. The existing water tenders the department seeks to replace have exceeded their standard usable service life. Water tenders function as mobile hydrant systems in areas without fixed hydrant infrastructure, which is especially critical in many parts of the Central Valley. Replacing the old water tender with a modern, dependable apparatus will help ensure timely and effective emergency response and improve public safety for residents across the region.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress