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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 3, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting **\$2,563,000** in funding for the **Delmar Volunteer Fire Department Capital Improvements Project** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department located at 301 E Grove St, Delmar, DE 19940. The purpose of this funding is to support the construction of a new fire department substation on the Maryland-side of the bi-state town, as well as the purchase of a new ambulance.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow for the replacement of a 12 year old ambulance that has become a maintenance burden for the rural fire company. It will also provide for the construction of a new substation on the Maryland side of the bi-state town that will allow the fire company to significantly reduce response times in expanding neighborhoods. . 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 that reads "Andy Harris, M.D." in a cursive style.

Andy Harris, M.D.
Member of Congress