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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
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$1,125,000 in funding for the **Preston Volunteer Fire Company Fleet Replacement Project** in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Preston Volunteer Fire Company located at 3680 Choptank Road Preston, Maryland 21655. The purpose of this funding is to support the purchase of new fire apparatus.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow for the replacement of aged fire apparatus that have become an increasing cost burden for a rural fire company. New apparatus will allow the company to deliver quicker response times and an overall more effective emergency response. 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