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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman 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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Unity Fire Station and Community Emergency Shelter in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Unity, located at 13 Center Road, Unit 2, Newport, NH 03773.

Unity's current fire station is in a retrofitted schoolhouse. This existing facility cannot support modern emergency and safety equipment. Building a new fire station will enable the town to properly store emergency response equipment and add a much-needed community emergency shelter. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow first responders to better protect the community. Unity has experienced serious flooding in recent years, but the town does not have adequate space for residents to seek shelter during an emergency. The new emergency shelter space will help keep residents safe.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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

Sincerely,

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