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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Surry for a Fire Truck supporting Rural Operations in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Surry, located at 741 North Bend Road, Surry, ME 04684. The funding would be used to purchase a new, replacement pumper/tanker fire truck. The new truck will increase the capacity of the Surry Volunteer Fire Department to suppress fires in the community's urban-wildland interface and fulfill its mutual-aid commitments to the county seat (Ellsworth) and other municipalities.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because a new pumper/tanker fire truck, designed for rural water-shuttle operations, will enhance firefighting and multiply the value of the Town's recent investment in installing water-supply cisterns and participation in the Blue Hill Peninsula's community wildfire defense planning funded by the US Forest Service.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1929(a).

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

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress