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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rose DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1016 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Pittsfield Fire Training Facility project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Pittsfield, located at 70 Allen St., Pittsfield, MA. 01201. The funding would be used for a National Fire Protection Association compliant regional fire training facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility will allow the region's firefighters to train in modern firefighting tactics. The building would also be used to train other related topics like fire investigation, hazardous materials response, and high angle rescue.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

Pursuant to House rule XXIII, clause 17, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely

Richard E. Neal

Member of Congress