

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Cocoa Fire Station Development Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cocoa, located at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, 32922.

The funding will be used to construct a new fire station in the northwest portion of the community to ensure adequate emergency response coverage and maintain public safety as rapid residential and commercial growth continues in the area. The northern area of Cocoa has become one of the fastest growing parts of the community, with new housing developments, expanding commercial corridors, and increased population placing additional demand on the City's public safety resources.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports essential public safety infrastructure in a rapidly growing region of Florida's Space Coast. The City of Cocoa provides fire protection and emergency medical services to a community experiencing increased population and economic growth associated with the expanding aerospace and technology industries near Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. Constructing a new fire station will ensure that emergency services keep pace with this growth, protecting residents, businesses, and critical regional economic assets.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress