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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Santa Maria - Fire Department Station 1 Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 300 West Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA 93458.

The funding would be used to expand the space at the downtown fire station to accommodate a third fire vehicle and associated fire personnel. The downtown station was built in 2002, at the time serving a population of 79,000. Since then, the population of Santa Maria has grown almost 40 percent to approximately 110,000. The City of Santa Maria anticipates the population to grow by another 30 percent, or an additional 34,000 people by 2050. The growth will come through proposed major infill projects downtown and the build-out of housing projects to the south and west.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would assist with emergency responses immediately.

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

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

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal
Member of Congress