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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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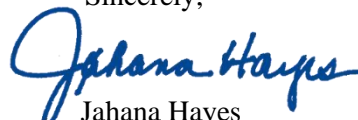
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Norfolk New Firehouse Project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Norfolk, located at 19 Maple Avenue, Norfolk, CT 06058. The funding would be used for the overall construction process of a new Norfolk firehouse. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current facility is too small and lacks many of the health and safety that are common in new firehouses. The distance between the equipment is too small, making it dangerous for volunteers when there is a fire call and trucks are exiting the building. The facility also lacks an adequate ventilation system to extract the exhaust gases from the trucks, forcing Norfolk Firehouse volunteers to hold general meetings or training sessions outside. It was difficult for first responders to respond during emergencies such as the 8200-gallon gas spill in November '22 and flooding in July of '23 because of the current facility. The grant will help cover the costs of constructing a new facility.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,


Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress