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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance's Facility Upgrade in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Litchfield Volunteer Ambulance (LVA), located at 11 East Street, Litchfield, CT 06759. The funding would be used to replace the current ambulance headquarters. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the organization is the primary emergency medical service provider for the towns of Litchfield, Northfield, along with Morris based upon a regionalized concept. In addition, LVA provides mutual aid coverage to surrounding towns, having an annual call volume of approximately 1,400. The current headquarters is in dire need of replacement, and has a deteriorating concrete ambulance garage floor which sits above basement offices, a lack of proper sleeping quarters, no functional kitchen, ground water which has infiltrated and created moldy conditions and damaged electrical fixtures, and water and chemical leakage through the garage's concrete floor which has resulted in the loss of personal protective equipment, radios, the suspended ceiling tiles, electrical fixtures, rugs, and furniture. The improved structure would also provide a central location for all of the organization's vehicles.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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