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Congress of the United States
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March 12th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mercer County Fire Protection District Aerial Ladder Truck project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mercer County Fiscal Court located at 207 West Lexington Street Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330.

The funding would be used to support the provision of an aerial ladder truck to the Mercer County Fire protection district.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow Mercer County to provide adequate fire protection for the Bluegrass Innovation Gateway Megasite/Industrial Park. This would address Mercer County's current lack of ability to address fires that could happen in cooling towers, energy facilities, and other tall industrial facilities that may be likely to come to the site.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Barr". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Andy Barr

Member of Congress