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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Bay Regional Fire Training in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Albany, located at 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706.

The funding would be used to support the construction of the East Bay Regional Fire Training Facility, which would serve Northern Alameda and Western Contra Costa County first responders with a facility that will become an Accredited Local Academy through the State Fire Marshall. This project will serve as a workforce training center that will enhance regional ability to recruit and train members of the community for careers in public safety, especially at a time when recruitment of emergency responders is extremely challenging.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the fire service has historically under-resourced internal personnel, equipment, facilities and budgets for personnel development and training. Supporting a multi-county and city consortium will contribute to increasing the number of fire personnel to be trained in a region that has experienced many natural disasters.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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.

Sincerely,

Lateefah Simon  
Member of Congress