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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 23, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Firefighter PPE CO2 Decontamination Unit in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the South King County Fire located at 20811 84th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032.

This funding would be used by South King Fire to secure \$1.5 million for a liquid CO2 cleaning machine to decontaminate firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) and other equipment exposed to carcinogens and other dangerous chemicals. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because this project will give departments in the region access to equipment cleaning and decontamination, thus improving safety for firefighters and extending the lifespan of vital protective gear.

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 neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress