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March 19, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Blairstown Emergency Services Station as a community project in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Blairstown Emergency Services Station Inc, located at 205 Main Street Northeast, Blairstown, IA 52209. This project would take place at 200 Railroad Street Northwest, Blairstown, IA 52209.

This funding would be used to construct a combined fire and ambulance station to house the city's emergency services, including a certified storm shelter. The city's current emergency services buildings were constructed nearly 100 years ago and are too small to house the necessary vehicles and equipment required for emergency services. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide reliable emergency services for Blairstown and the surrounding communities by replacing the town's old and inefficient facilities that cannot support modern fire trucks and ambulances.

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

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

Sincerely,



Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
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