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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 Ely 294 Fire Engine as a community project in Fiscal Year 2027.

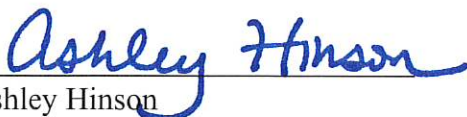
The entity to receive funding for this project is the College Ely Putnam Fire Protection and Emergency Response Agency, located at 1300 Main Street, Ely, IA 52227.

This funding would be used to purchase a fire engine to respond to emergencies throughout rural Linn County. The city's current fire engine is nearly 30 years old and is not equipped to handle a growing population, increased flight paths to and from Eastern Iowa Airport, and increased usage of Interstate 380. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a new fire engine that can respond to not only fires, but also medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, mass casualty situations, and search-and-rescue missions.

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
Committee on Appropriations