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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, &
Food & Drug Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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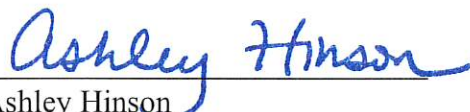
Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$1,000,000 in community project funding for the construction of the Aplington Protective Services Building. The project recipient is the City of Aplington Emergency Services, located at 409 10th St., Aplington, Iowa 50604.

This project would fund a new facility to house Aplington's Fire and EMS departments, replacing a severely outdated 1984 building. The current station lacks the space to safely store modern emergency vehicles and equipment, hampering response times and operational efficiency. A new facility would provide adequate space for vehicles and gear, dedicated decontamination areas, and training and office space to better serve the city and surrounding rural communities. The Aplington Fire and EMS Department is a volunteer force serving nearly 1,900 residents across 78 square miles, responding to more than 130 calls annually.

I urge the committee to support this important investment in rural Iowa. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations