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The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bisbee, AZ Ladder Truck in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bisbee, AZ, located at 76 Erie Street, Bisbee, AZ 85603. The funding would be used for the acquisition of a ladder truck. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Bisbee is a small, rural city in southeast Arizona, located in the Mule Mountains. Most of its homes are between 50-150 years old, and the business district was built circa 1900. A ladder truck would prevent the spread of fire in these older buildings which are either very tall or located on the side of the mountains. One recent fire destroyed two structures in a commercial district.

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

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Ruben Gallego MEMBER OF CONGRESS