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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1310**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$5,500,000 in funding for the Waukegan Fire Department Station 3 with Regional Training Facility in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Waukegan Fire Department located at 1101 Belvidere Road Waukegan, IL 60085. The funding would be used for the construction of a modern fire station alongside a regional training complex designed to improve emergency preparedness, firefighter training capacity, and coordinated response across jurisdictions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the fire station and regional training facility will support viable communities by providing safe living environments, improving infrastructure, and supporting economic development and workforce opportunities. By investing in a fire station and training facility, the project will expand training capabilities for first responders, strengthen our regional resilience, enhance workforce readiness, and ensure that emergency services can effectively protect residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley S. Schneider".

Bradley S. Schneider  
Member of Congress