

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Platte Canyon Wildfire Safety and Firefighter Protection Project in Bailey, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Platte Canyon Fire Protection District, located at 153 Delwood Dr. Bailey, CO 80421.

This project supports the renovation and expansion of a fire station to increase apparatus bay space, improve firefighter living quarters, and modernize infrastructure critical to wildland fire response. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will address critical public safety needs for the rural mountain community of Bailey and surrounding areas of Park County, Colorado and improve firefighter health and safety by incorporating proper decontamination areas, modern gear storage, and improved living quarters that reduce long-term exposure to carcinogens and other occupational hazards. Upgrading this facility will significantly enhance emergency response capabilities for a high-risk wildfire region where rapid and coordinated response is critical to protecting lives, homes, infrastructure, and surrounding forest lands. 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 black ink that reads "Brittany Pettersen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress