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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 City of Brownsville's Fire Department – Training Field Upgrades project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Brownsville, Texas, located at 1000 E. Adams, Brownsville, Texas 78520.

This funding will be used to upgrade the Fire Department's current training field through the construction of a 100-foot by 60-foot warehouse with integrated office spaces, a two-story NFPA 1402-compliant burn building, and the installation of an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF). This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the facility will provide firefighters with critical, hands-on training to enhance their skills in structural firefighting, hazardous materials response, and aircraft emergency operations which are critical emergency services.

This project has a federal nexus as it is consistent with 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,



Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress