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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Urban Fire Training Tower Replacement and Multi Structure Simulation Complex project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Milwaukee Fire Department, located at 711 W. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

The funding would be used for the demolition and replacement of an existing fire training tower, originally built in 1977 that has reached the end of its useful life. This project would replace an aging training facility with a newly constructed training tower built to current safety and performance standards. The new tower would support live-fire evolutions, high-rise and standpipe operations, ventilation training, rapid-intervention scenarios, and command-level decision-making exercises.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these additions would enable firefighters to train in realistic, multi-building fireground scenarios that mirror the City's operational environment. The benefits include improving firefighter safety, injury reduction, and supporting readiness. Secondary beneficiaries include the 14 other fire departments in Milwaukee County which all occasionally use this facility tower through a variety of mutually beneficial shared training agreements.

The project has a federal nexus because funding requested is consistent with the goals of one or more of the following eligible uses of the Community Development Fund (CDF): 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2), 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(5).

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress