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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Non-Expulsion Fuse Equipment Purchase** project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Trinity Public Utilities District**, located at 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, CA 96093.

The funding would be used for purchase the 572 non-expulsion fuses needed and would implement installation as soon as practicable. When a standard fuse operates, turning off power due to system overload or a fault detection on the circuit, the fuse opens and expels hot metal. Replacement of standard fuses with non-expulsion fuses reduces fire risk by eliminating the expulsion of hot metal onto the ground below the fuse, which may be covered with fuels, especially in the late summer months.

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).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will benefit residents by reducing wildfire risk and vegetation management expenses within the Trinity PUD Service Territory.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress