

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0502

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
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 **Wildland Engine Acquisition** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Orleans Volunteer Fire Department**, located at 166 Ishi Pishi Road, Orleans CA 95556.

The funding would be used to replace the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department's current unsafe and mechanically unreliable 1985 wildland engine with a safe and efficient wildland engine. This new engine will be thier primary wildland apparatus and will also be able to support structure and vehicle fires, roadside rescue incidents and beneficial fire implementation.

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 a new wildland engine will directly support the protection of life and property in multiple rural communities that reside in a high hazard severity zone.

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

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress