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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Burn Building Restoration in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Saint Paul, located at 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Suite 390 Saint Paul, MN 55102. The funding would be used to restore a condemned 52-year-old on-site burn building to operational use for training firefighters from the Saint Paul Fire Department and surrounding area departments. Replacing the current, obsolete fire training burn building will enable the fire department to provide real-life training to prepare responders for lifesaving rescue operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is an investment in the life, health, and safety of approximately 307,000 Saint Paul residents who rely on the Saint Paul Fire Department's expertise and readiness to respond in the event of a fire.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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 that reads "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress