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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairw  
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2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2025 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for Siletz Fire Station and Emergency Shelter, Siletz, OR in the amount of **\$1,350,000** within the Committee's Community Project Funding Effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Siletz Fire District, located at 149 West Buford Avenue, Siletz OR 97380.

This funding would support construction of a new fire station for the Siletz Fire District, which would house their fire apparatus. The project includes ground preparation, foundation installation, erecting a metal building, and constructing ADA compliant restrooms which could begin in Fall 2024 and be completed within approximately six months. The project would also create a Level 1 Evacuation Shelter, which does not currently exist in the fire district's territory.

The Siletz Fire District is located in rural Lincoln County and provides fire protection to a population of approximately 4,800 people in rural, remote areas in the coastal mountain range, including the City of Siletz, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians administrative building and clinic, and the communities of Logsdan and Blodgett. The fire district is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected at large by the community with monthly open public access meetings.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports critical public safety infrastructure. Given the Siletz Fire District's significant timberland and the increasing threat of

devastating wildfire in Western Oregon, it is critically important to invest in adequate infrastructure to support firefighting activity. This infrastructure serves the entire community by making it easier for local crews to respond to fires, and its benefits extend to all Oregonians when the fire district can quickly address small fires and prevent them from turning into catastrophic, out-of-control wildfires.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The Community Facilities Program is meant to fund essential community infrastructure that helps rural residents enjoy the same basic quality of life as those in urban areas, and that is exactly what this project would do. Siletz Fire District needs federal investment to support its public safety infrastructure and create an emergency shelter for Siletz residents.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle  
Member of Congress