

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2201**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Alpena Aerial Fire Truck Replacement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alpena, located at 208 North First Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707. The funding would be used for the purchase of a new aerial fire truck needed for early fire suppression and rescue operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures the continued availability of a critical life-saving vehicle that protects public safety, supports regional mutual aid, and enables timely response to fire and rescue emergencies in Alpena and the surrounding areas. Investing in this equipment reduces risk, preserves life and property, and strengthens emergency preparedness across Northern Michigan.

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

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

Sincerely,



Jack Bergman  
Member of Congress

