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May 10, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Arcadia and U.S. Forest Service Joint Fire Training Center project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Arcadia, located at 240 W. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006.

The funding would be used for a joint fire training center between the City of Arcadia and the U.S. Forest Service to facilitate Class-A live fire training. This training site will provide a platform to conduct realistic multi-agency training between police and fire personnel to improve response times and effectiveness in handling scenarios such as those involving active shooters, bomb explosions, and hazardous materials. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because targeted fire training contributes to faster and more effective response times for real incidents, potentially minimizing property damage and saving lives. This site will significantly improve the City of Arcadia's ability to work cohesively with the U.S. Forest Service to protect the Wildland Urban Interface bordering the Angeles National Forest. This training center will also be available for use in educating residents about fire safety and fire prevention, and this proactive engagement will enhance overall community resilience and empower individuals to take preventative measures.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Chu".

JUDY CHU
Member of Congress