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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3221**

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The Honorable Andy Harris  
Chairman  
Agriculture, Rural Development,  
Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
2362-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Agriculture, Rural Development,  
Food and Drug Administration,  
and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

I am requesting funding for the Fort Plain Fire Department Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Village of Fort Plain, located at 16 River Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339.

The funding would be used to purchase a new fire truck and construct an addition to the existing firehouse to house the apparatus and support fire department operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances emergency response capabilities, improves firefighter safety, and addresses critical infrastructure limitations that exceed the fiscal capacity of the local tax base.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 U.S.C. § 1926(a) (USDA Community Facilities Program).

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

Sincerely,



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