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March 19, 2026

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 Renovation of the Frenchtown Borough Police Headquarters in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Frenchtown Borough, NJ, located at 29 Second Street, Frenchtown, NJ 08825.

The funding would be used for the renovation of the Frenchtown Police Department's outdated station currently housed in an aging residential structure acquired by the Borough decades ago. It lacks separate male and female changing facilities, does not meet current ADA accessibility standards, and utilizes a former residential kitchen area for temporary detainee holding—conditions that do not reflect contemporary public safety best practices. Additionally, the building's exterior components, including siding, gutters, windows, and roof, are in significant need of repair and replacement.

This project will transform the facility into a modern, sustainable public safety asset that benefits residents, businesses, and visitors while relieving undue financial pressure on local property taxpayers, making it a prudent and impactful investment of federal funds.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens essential public safety infrastructure in a cost-effective manner, prevents more expensive emergency repairs or full facility replacement in the future, and ensures compliance with ADA and modern building standards.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. Kean, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress