

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Gregory F. Murphy US House of Representatives (NC-3) 407 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy:

The Town of Farmville is in dire need of a new Fire Department Headquarters building to provide more reliable service to our Farmville Fire District. Farmville is a growing community, and the Farmville Fire Department not only serves residents and businesses within the Town's corporate limits but also a large rural area that rings the town. The Farmville Fire Department provides fire suppression services, fire inspections for occupancy of structures, and first responder medical services. The current Fire Department facility is grossly undersized, poorly located within the fire district, lacks functionality for a modern fire department, and cannot be expanded or renovated to meet current and future fire service needs. It is critical that a new facility be constructed soon to ensure proper emergency response levels for the community.

The Town of Farmville currently owns land at the intersection of May Boulevard and West Horne Avenue and hopes to construct a new Fire Department Headquarters on the site. The Town of Farmville hired Davis Kane Architects of Raleigh, NC to provide design services related to construction of the new Farmville Fire Department with five truck bays, meeting space, equipment storage, a kitchen, and living quarters that would adequately house the Farmville Fire Department for approximately 75 years. The project is fully designed and ready to proceed to bid, pending sufficient funding. The estimated cost of construction of the new facility is approximately \$9 million.

The Town of Farmville has contributed approximately \$900,000 to this effort and has explored additional funding opportunities from federal and state sources, with limited success. I feel that we can make this critical project a reality with assistance from you and the US Congress. Our request is for \$4 million which, along with other existing funding, would make this project a reality.

I hope you can find a way to support our efforts by assisting with this project. Thanks, and I look forward to more conversation with you. Call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

John O. Moore, Farmville Mayor