April 28, 2025

U.S. Congressman Gregory F. Murphy, M.D. U.S. House of Representatives 4070 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Grant Funding

Dear Dr. Murphy:

I am pleased to offer my support for the April 28, 2025, grant funding opportunity for the Town of Winterville, North Carolina. Their application aligns with the priorities of the Winterville Fire Department of developing a comprehensive fire and rescue training facility in an effort to effectively provide training for the Town of Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS Department and the surrounding fire departments in Pitt County.

The funding request will allow:

- Firefighter certification training.
- Technical rescuer certification training.
- The current plan outlines the necessary infrastructure, including a road, fire hydrants, storage, and burn structure.
- The plan will provide automatic aid and mutual aid training between fire departments.
- The plan will provide for initial training for new volunteer firefighters.
- This project is geared to provide training location for multiple departments to work together and to reduce travel distances.
- This project aligns with the broader goals of the Fire-Rescue-EMS Department to assist in the reduction of N.C. rating and Response grades, commonly referred to as ISO rating, for homeowners and business owners.
- This project will work toward the goal of providing highly trained firefighters and technical rescuers.
- This project will provide a safer working environment for firefighters at emergency incidents by providing realistic training opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

David Moore, Fire Chief

Winterville Fire-Rescue-EMS