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Congressman Josh Harder (CA-10)
209 Cannon House Office Building
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Subject: Community Funding Program-South County Fire Authority Regional Training Facility

Dear Congressman Harder:

I write to ask for your consideration and support of the South County Fire Authority Regional Training Facility for potential Community Project Funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations process.

As you may know, there is currently no training facility for fire agencies in south San Joaquin County and fire agencies in south San Joaquin County represent the largest group of contiguous fire agencies without close access to a fire training facility. The City of Tracy has provided property for a regional fire training facility.

A regional fire training facility will enhance training opportunities, fire ground operations, firefighter safety and improve service levels. A regional fire training facility will improve emergency response and coordination between neighboring fire jurisdictions. If funded and developed, the proposed regional fire training facility will be the closest fire training facility to our regional fire agency jurisdictional boundaries.

This project would enhance safety for both firefighters and the residents they serve, as well as create the opportunity for cross-training with regional agencies increasing efficiency in responding to large events. When our first responders are better prepared, we all benefit. In the interest of public safety, I strongly encourage your support of the South County Fire Authority Regional Training Facility for Community Funding.

Sincerely,

Robert Rickman
Supervisor, Fifth District
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“I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain (what I consider the most enviable of all titles), the character of an honest man.”
- George Washington -