

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "City of Alexandria Fireboat Replacement" in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 421 King Street, Alexandria, Va 22314.

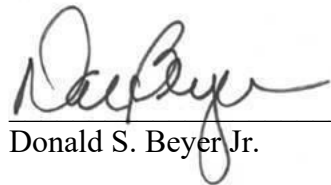
The funding will be used to replace the Alexandria Fire Department's aging and damaged 50-foot fire boat with a smaller, right-sized vessel capable of meeting the current fire protection needs of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing boat was severely damaged during the January 2025 DCA helicopter collision rescue mission that served as a primary operational platform for rescue divers. A new vessel is necessary to fulfill Virginia's statutory obligations for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge's fire protection while maintaining a critical maritime response asset for the National Capital Region. The fireboat supports fire and rescue operations along the Potomac River and its navigable tributaries within the National Capital Region and when needed to support the U.S. Coast Guard, other federal partners, and other jurisdictions. The proposed 38-foot replacement boat will provide a cost-effective, operationally appropriate, and sustainable solution aligned with current mission requirements. It will utilize U.S.-manufactured major components, including engines and fire pumps, and will be purpose-built by a qualified U.S. boat manufacturer.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9)).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Donald S. Beyer Jr.