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March 18, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Letter of Support for the Flashover Simulator

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Aurora FY2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for a fire ladder truck. The City urgently needs a ladder truck to address critical operational and safety concerns arising from the age of the city's reserve fleet. A well-equipped and modernized fire department strengthens regional emergency response capabilities by enabling more coordinated and efficient mutual aid between municipalities. With a new ladder truck, the Aurora Fire Department would be better positioned to assist neighboring communities during large-scale emergencies, whether in mutual fire response or disaster management and the continued growth of Aurora.

Aurora's rapid expansion, along with new urban building codes that allow for higher-density developments, has significantly increased the demand for enhanced firefighting capabilities. Taller buildings and denser populations create more complex fire scenarios, making it essential to have modern, efficient equipment to ensure the safety of both residents and first responders.

The addition of a new ladder truck would replace aging vehicles, improve emergency response in high-density and vertical structures, and bolster overall operational readiness. A well-equipped and modernized fire department strengthens regional emergency response capabilities by enabling more coordinated and efficient mutual aid between municipalities. With a new ladder truck, the Aurora Fire Department would be better positioned to assist neighboring communities during large-scale emergencies, whether in mutual fire response or disaster management.

Respectively,

Mike Coffman  
Mayor

Steve Sundberg  
Mayor Pro Tem, Ward II

Crystal Murillo  
Ward I

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March 3, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of South Adams County Fire Department, I would like to express our full support for Aurora Fire Rescue's (AFR) Congressionally Directed Funding request for funding of a new ladder truck. We understand the critical importance of having the right tools to ensure firefighter safety and effective emergency response, and we are confident that this funding will greatly enhance AFR's ability to protect and serve the community.

As a neighboring fire department, we work side-by-side during mutual aid responses and joint training exercises. We recognize how crucial a new ladder truck will be in bolstering operations.

A new ladder truck will provide AFR's personnel with a more reliable and effective means to quickly respond to emergencies, which not only improves safety for their team but also significantly enhances the level of protection they can offer to the residents and businesses in the community. The equipment will also help AFR better serve our region during joint responses, where seamless coordination is essential.

I ask that you consider directing federal funding to help support the purchase of this essential piece of equipment. By doing so, you will be directly contributing to the protection and well-being of the citizens in Aurora and surrounding area

This investment in equipment is not only an investment in Aurora's department but also in the overall safety and resilience of our entire region. We stand with you in support of this important funding request.

Sincerely,

Bob Olme

Fire Chief

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