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On Behalf Of: Row River Fire Response  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Subject: Support for Funding Row River Fire Station Construction

Dear Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee,

I am writing to request your support for the application submitted by Row River Fire Response for funding to build a fire station to house the newly established Row River Rural Fire Department.

Our community has worked diligently to raise awareness about the urgent need for fire protection in our valley. Through collaboration and collective effort, we successfully passed a tax measure to provide essential funding for our firefighters and the necessary equipment to protect our residents.

Currently, the fire department operates out of a local farmer's barn, which is neither a sustainable nor suitable solution. As the farmer may soon need his barn for other purposes, while the fire department must comply with specific regulations regarding the care and maintenance of its equipment. This requires a proper facility designed to meet those needs.

A dedicated fire station would not only provide a functional and safe space for our department but also serve as a visible and accessible location in case of emergency. It is critical for the continued safety and well-being of our rural community.

We kindly ask for your support in allocating funds for the construction of a fire station that will serve the Row River Rural Fire Department and our entire community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Your support will make a significant difference in ensuring the safety and security of our residents.