



CALIFORNIA, 32ND DISTRICT

CONGRESSMAN BRAD SHERMAN

March 26, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting a funding level of \$3,500,000 for Los Angeles Fire Department PFAS-Free Equipment Needs as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2027. The intended recipient is the Los Angeles City Fire Department, located at 200 N Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. This project funds the procurement of needed equipment for the Los Angeles Fire Department: PFAS-free structural turnout gear for 350 firefighters—equivalent to one annual replacement cycle—and department-wide PFAS-free protective hoods. This critical equipment provides protection against thermal exposure while reducing long-term carcinogenic risk, advancing firefighter health, safety, and regulatory compliance. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project contributes to community safety, the recovery of Los Angeles following the 2025 wildfires, provides PFAS-free gear to firefighters, and provides needed resources for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress