

April 5, 2022

RE: Congressionally Directed Spending:

Dear Senator Kelly,

I am a resident of Tubac and I am asking for your help for our Fire District.

Please approve a discretionary grant to build an essential new fire station. The current fire station is over 50 years old and is long overdue for replacement. The Tubac Fire Board has a detailed plan for a "shovel ready" project, but lacks the necessary funding to fiscally responsibly build it.

By granting a \$2,000,000 discretionary grant through the Congressionally Directed Spending for the fiscal year 2023 appropriation bill, you will ensure a new Tubac Fire Station can be built. This will be a physical structure that meets the requirements of the 21st century as well as being equipped and able to properly house first responders to be prepared for an uncertain future of pandemics and other potential disasters, as well as serving our community on a daily basis.

A new building is crucial so long-standing and well-known safety, operational and statutory deficiencies can be addressed, especially the ventilation issues.

Our community greatly appreciates our Fire District and we desperately need your help.

Thank you for your consideration.

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