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Honorable Representative Lucas Atkinson PO Box 1019 Marion, SC 29571

Dear Representative Atkinson:

The City of Marion Fire Department is respectfully requesting funding for a fire training center. Presently, the fire departments in the county have a mixture of training props at their individual fire stations. The City of Marion Fire Department would propose one fire training center for all fire departments in the county to utilize. This center would be built on land owned by Marion County.

The City of Marion Fire Department is requesting five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to build and equip a fire training center for all Marion County fire departments. The center would include a burn building for live fire training, a tower for ladder and rescue training, and a classroom with restrooms.

Please note that 95% of the firefighters in Marion County are volunteers, and they provide a vital service to this county.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of this request. Thank you also for your daily work in supporting this district.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hammond

City of Marion Fire Chief

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