

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1806**

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fire & Emergency Training Academy (FETA) to construct a Capital Region Swiftwater Training Facility in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshall's Fire & Emergency Training Academy (FETA) located at 6868 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70820. The funding will construct and install an indoor Swiftwater training facility, enabling Louisiana's first responders to safely train for real-life flood scenarios.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2), which permits appropriations to be extended for "the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or installation (including design features and improvements with respect to such construction, reconstruction, or installation that promote energy efficiency) of public works, facilities (except for buildings for the general conduct of government), and site or other improvements."

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

Sincerely,



Garret Graves  
Member of Congress