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

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

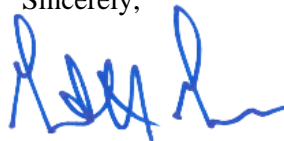
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) to make improvements to emergency operations centers (EOC) in Louisiana in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is GOHSEP, located at 7667 Independence Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA, 70806. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the dollars will be used to meet the goals of the Stafford Act by supporting fully interoperable EOCs in South Louisiana that can ensure continuity of operations and government during major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11) Act.

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