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The Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Rockville Emergency Operations Center project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Maryland Department of Emergency Management, located at 5401 Rue Saint Lo Drive, Reisterstown, MD, 21136.

The funding would be used for necessary technology for the City of Rockville's Emergency Operations Center, including computers and display monitors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that the capacity exists for leadership to direct and control operations from a centralized facility in the event of an emergency or disaster in the City of Rockville. Furthermore, facilitating and deconflicting operational action during a crisis across the government sector reduces the cost of unnecessarily duplicative efforts. The City of Rockville purchased a building that will house the first dedicated EOC in the city. The EOC will ensure city leadership can direct and control operations across city departments in the event of critical incidents and disasters. The Maryland Department of Emergency Management has provided a letter of support.

The 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.

Very Truly Yours,



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress