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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Orange, located at 550 N. Flower St, Santa Ana, CA 92703.

The funding will be used to construct and equip a modernized Emergency Operations Center in Tustin to strengthen regional disaster response, emergency coordination, and public alerting capabilities. The project will upgrade coordination space, technology systems, and redundant communications and power infrastructure to support emergency response across Orange County's jurisdictions. These improvements will enhance coordination among first responders, emergency managers, and public safety agencies serving more than 3 million residents. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens emergency preparedness and disaster response capabilities for the residents and communities served by Orange County. Modernizing the Emergency Operations Center will improve coordination among first responders, enhance situational awareness during disasters, and ensure reliable communications and resource management during emergencies. Investing in resilient emergency management infrastructure helps protect public safety and improve disaster response across the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §5196c), which authorizes federal support for improving emergency management capabilities, including the construction and enhancement of emergency operations centers.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'YK', written over a horizontal line.

Young Kim
Member of Congress