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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,618,978 for the New Washington County Emergency Operations Center project in Nashville, IL in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Washington Emergency Management Agency, located at 160 N. West Court St., Nashville, IL 62263.

The proposed project will build a new state of the art Emergency Operations Center for the County of Washington. The current County EOC is 400 square feet of shared space built in 1962. Recent emergencies have highlighted the necessity for increased and dedicated space to address future emergencies. On June 30, 2023, this was reinforced when a windstorm left a wide track of damage across the County also triggering the Emergency Declaration of August 15, 2023. The County recognizes that now is the time to create a state-of-the-art EOC for handling the most severe disasters that could impact Washington County. Following FEMA guidelines of 50 square foot per person, an EOC would be built to accommodate up to 35 people and would be hardened per FEMA standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The establishment of a modernized EOC will significantly enhance Washington County's capacity to manage and respond to emergencies effectively. By providing dedicated and expanded space for emergency management operations, the new facility will improve coordination, streamline communication, and ensure the safety and well-being of community members during times of emergency.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress