## Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3304

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the Durham County Emergency Operations Center project in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24). The entity to receive funding for this project is Durham County Office of Emergency Services Emergency Management Division, Durham, NC 27701. The funding would be used to replace the existing repurposed youth home that has been serving as an EOC since the 1990s.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its cost savings during times of normal operations, through improved efficiency, enhanced prevention for public safety, and during times of disaster when the recovery time is shortened.

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.

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Sincerely,

Valerie P. Foushee

MEMBER OF CONGRESS