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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Fredericksburg Emergency Operations Security and Equipment project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Fredericksburg, located at 715 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401. The funding would be used for construction and equipment necessary to enhance security, maintain the structural integrity of the building, and prevent disruptions to government operations within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The project would provide security upgrades at all access points leading to the Emergency Operations Center, allow for the purchase and installation of upgraded security equipment, and provide the Emergency Community Center (E911) with the necessary security upgrades and improvements for continued effective emergency response service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the enhancements will help first responders maintain critical communication with dispatchers during emergencies and ensure that command staff and government officials have access to and are able to provide critical information and emergency services within the city and the surrounding area. The equipment and security improvements will allow first responders to continually and effectively provide lifesaving services to the community during an emergency, thus protecting and saving lives of those in the community and the surrounding area.

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). Specifically, the project is for equipping, upgrading, and constructing a local emergency operations center, as is stated as eligible purposes for FEMA grants under Section 614, 42 U.S.C. 5196c.

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress