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May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Terrebonne Parish Emergency Operations Center project for fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG), located at 101 Government St., Gray, LA 70359. The \$1.3 million funding request will be used for construction to expand and enhance the Terrebonne Parish Joseph L. Waitz Emergency Operations Center (EOC), resulting in additional facilities from which to manage all emergency activities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because during a major disaster, the EOC houses all disaster responders for the Parish, as well as outside agencies, such as the Sheriff, the Louisiana Department of Health, Wildlife and Fisheries, the Terrebonne Levee District, and the National Guard. The EOC provides the necessary means to communicate with the State EOC, federal authorities, surrounding parishes, and all local first response agencies to ensure close cooperation in emergencies and disasters.

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). This authorization was amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress