



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Erie Emergency Operations Command Center. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Erie, located at 311 Marsh Street, Erie, PA 16508. The funding would be used for Phase 1 of the City's 3 Phase project to construct a new Emergency Operations Command Center be used by Erie's Emergency Services and other state, local, and federal agencies for pre- and post- op planning and briefings to provide an efficient and effective disaster response during critical incidents, rescues, and other operations. The Emergency Operations Command Center will also house SWAT, Bomb Squad, and Special Operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility would improve disaster response, offer training and opportunities, and increase public safety across 14 counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

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.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress