



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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 the funding for this project is City of Erie, located at 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501. The location of the Command Center is 2111 State Street, Erie, PA 16503. The funding would be used for Phase 2 of the City's 3 Phase project to renovate an existing building into the City's Public Safety Complex. The 29,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center is used by the City of 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