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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Valencia County Emergency Operations and Community Resilience Center* in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Valencia County Fire Department, located at 444 Luna Ave, Los Lunas, NM 87031. The funding would be used for the design, construction, and equipping of a dedicated Emergency Operations Center to support emergency response coordination, public safety operations, and community health services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical gap in essential public safety infrastructure following the loss of the County's previous emergency coordination facility due to catastrophic flooding in 2025. The new facility will significantly improve emergency response times, enhance coordination among local, state, and federal agencies, and reduce the risk of loss of life and property during disasters. Additionally, the center will provide year-round public safety and health services—including emergency preparedness training, CPR and Stop the Bleed instruction, and community health initiatives—maximizing the return on investment for rural residents.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. § 1926(a)), which permits U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the development of essential community facilities in rural areas, including public safety and health infrastructure.

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

Sincerely,



MELANIE ANN STANSBURY, Member of Congress