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May 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey's Emergency Operations Center Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey, located at 1385 Route 22 East Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. The funding would be used to convert the second floor of the former Department of Public Works garage into an Emergency Operations Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it enhances lifesaving services to the residents of Mountainside, supporting public safety, disaster response, and community resilience.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom H. Kean, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Kean Jr.
Member of Congress