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March 20, 2026

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 Branchburg Emergency Operations Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Branchburg Township located at 1077 US Highway 202 N, Branchburg, NJ, 08876.

The funding would be used for the renovation of Branchburg's Emergency Management facility. This project will provide adequate and modern facilities for the Office of Emergency Management, a necessary upgrade to protect Branchburg's rapidly growing community and heavily trafficked commuter corridors on US Route 202 and US Route 22.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as a modern OEM facility is vital to provide Branchburg's growing community with the emergency response it needs and to allow space for community interaction and education to help prevent 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), 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 "T. H. Kean, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Tom Kean, Jr.
Member of Congress