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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 Flemington Borough Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Development Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Flemington Borough, located at 38 Park Ave, Flemington, NJ 08822.

The funding would be used for the construction of a modern Emergency Operations Center for the Borough's Office of Emergency Management. Historically, the front section of the former police station housed the Flemington Borough Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Following a roof failure, the OEM was forced to evacuate the building and has temporarily relocated to the basement of Flemington Borough Hall. This location is not suitable for emergency operations as it is flood-prone and has experienced flooding during periods of heavy rain and storms.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly enhance the Borough's ability to coordinate emergency response and disaster management operations, ensure continuity of operations during storms, power outages, and disasters. It will also improve communication between police, fire, EMS, county, and regional emergency partners, strengthen disaster preparedness and response capabilities for residents and businesses, and provide reliable emergency operations supported by backup generator power.

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