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March 19, 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 Mountainside Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Borough of Mountainside, located at 1385 Route 22 East Mountainside, NJ 07092.

The funding would be used for the installation of an Emergency Operations Center for the Borough of Mountainside. Currently, the Borough does not have a dedicated space for their office of emergency management causing delays and posing a barrier to a coordinated response from the Borough's Police, Fire, Rescue Squad, and Department of Public Works. Being able to bring the leaders of these critical agencies together at an Emergency Operations Center with monitoring and communications equipment will greatly enhance the rigor and timeliness of their response for residents when minutes count.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance vital emergency services and disaster response preparedness & response that will benefit the residents of Mountainside, the County of Union, and the millions of people who travel on Route 22 on a monthly basis.

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