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The Honorable Mark Amodei
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The Honorable Henry Cuellar
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Amodei and Ranking Member Cuellar:

I am requesting \$1,529,627.84 for the Cleveland/Bradley County Emergency Operation Center as a community project funding request. The entity to receive funding for this project is Cleveland/Bradley County Emergency Management, located at 3069 Overlook Drive, Cleveland, Tennessee 37312. The current emergency operations center has outgrown its current shared office space with Bradley County 911 and must move. The County owns a structure that can be renovated to house a larger EOC inside the existing structure, which would be significantly more advantageous than building a separate facility. This would be a more effective use of taxpayer funds due to the extremely high cost (\$10,000,000) of starting a new project as opposed to updating an existing structure. The requested modernization will support more efficient and resilient space to manage emergencies around the city of Cleveland and the rest of Bradley County for many years to come. The new EOC would also be protected from tornadoes in the new refurbished facility, which is the largest recurring natural hazard.

This 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,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress