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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-310, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
H-130, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$ 2,942,940 for the Anderson County Emergency Operations Center. The entity to receive funding would be the Anderson County Government located at 100 North Main Street, Suite 208, Clinton, Tennessee 37716. The current Anderson County EOC was built in 1975 and does not meet the needs of a well-functioning EOC. The current EOC size limitations hamper the ability to perform even basic functions needed when disaster strikes. The current EOC only has space for ten (10) emergency support function seats in a building that is not ADA accessible. Storage for the majority of response and recovery materials must be stored off site approximately 8.6 miles from the EOC. In addition, the County's Hazmat Response Vehicle must also be housed at a separate location. Lack of physical space is an impediment to incident management, as well as response time, and recovery efficiency. Anderson County is home to two Department of Energy sites that play vital roles in national security. In the event of a declared emergency at one of our DOE sites, the Anderson County EOC is activated to provide support needed in aiding our DOE partners, as well as provided resources for our citizens. This includes the coordination of temporary shelters, evacuation orders, and maintaining public information.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann

Member of Congress