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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0545

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Artesia Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Artesia, located at 18747 Clarkdale Ave Artesia, CA 90701.

The funding would be used to support the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in Artesia and address the long-standing gap in Artesia's emergency preparedness infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project will strengthen the City's emergency management capabilities by creating a dedicated, fully interoperable facility that can serve as the central coordination hub for disaster response, emergency communications, and recovery operations. Currently, the City of Artesia does not have a dedicated EOC facility and must rely on makeshift spaces that lack adequate power redundancy, communications capacity, and operational functionality.

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 "Derek T. Tran". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a clear "T" and "Tran" following.

Derek T. Tran
Member of Congress