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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Shelby County Emergency Operations Center** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Shelby County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency**, located at **1075 Mullins Station Road, C-119, Memphis, TN 38134**. The funding would be used to **construct a new emergency operations center that will serve all seven municipalities of Shelby County, TN**.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because **an updated, modern emergency operations center will increase coordination, efficiency, and will ultimately save lives in an emergency or disaster. The Shelby County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency is the first line of defense in responding to emergencies and disasters.**

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,



Steve Cohen  
Member of Congress