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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coconino County Emergency Operations Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Coconino County, located at 219 E Cherry Ave. Flagstaff, AZ 86001. The funding would be used for the construction of a joint facility for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Emergency Management Department (EM), and the Flood Control District (FCD) which will be located at Coconino County Public Works Yard. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Emergency Operations Center is crucial to saving lives in the event of emergencies such as wildfires or flood events, both of which are frequent occurrences in Coconino County. Having the ability to respond to incidents immediately with robust coordination is essential to protecting people and property. The costs of the project will also prove to be fiscally responsible as it is much less expensive to meet and mitigate threats proactively and early than it is to pay the costs of an incident that escalated because of a delayed initial response.

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,



Ruben Gallego
MEMBER OF CONGRESS