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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

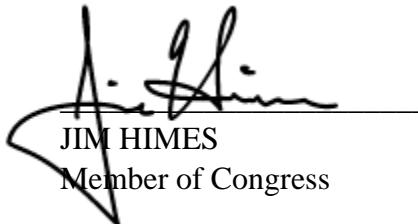
I am requesting funding for the Joint Emergency Operations Center in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Fairfield, located at 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut 06824.

The funding would be used for a centralized, secure, and fully interoperable Emergency Operations Center and Tactical Operations Center within the Fairfield Police Department headquarters. The funding will go toward renovation and equipping the EOC with redundant IT and secure communications infrastructure, interoperable systems for regional emergency coordination, real-time video monitoring systems, and a tactical command workstation for multi-jurisdictional response operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly enhance public safety, emergency preparedness, and community resilience in one of Connecticut's largest and most rapidly growing municipalities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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 "Jim Himes", written over a horizontal line.

JIM HIMES
Member of Congress