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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Richmond Emergency Operations Center in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richmond, located at 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond CA 94804.

The funding would be used for replacing the inoperable or incompatible equipment in their emergency operations center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure that there is a fully interoperable EOC in an area of need. This is aligned with the Stafford Act's effort to create more fully capable emergency operations facilities at the state and local levels as an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system to coordinate organizations and across multiple jurisdictions during major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.

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,


JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress