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March 28, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger, Chairwoman The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives The Honorable Dave Joyce, Chairman The Honorable Henry Cuellar, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Homeland Security Committee on Appropriations

RE: Solano County Emergency Operations and Emergency Communications Centers

Dear Chairs Granger and Joyce and Ranking Members DeLauro and Cuellar:

I respectfully request \$3.75 million in Community Project Funding for the Solano County Emergency Operations and Communications Centers in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Solano, California located at 675 Texas Street, Suite 6500, Fairfield, CA 94533.

Both Solano County's current Emergency Operations Center and Dispatch Center are aging structures not originally built for their current use and located in high-risk areas for flood, wildfire, and earthquake. This Community Project Funding would be used to complete architectural and engineering design plans for construction of a new, consolidated facility on County-owned property for emergency operations and dispatch relocated outside the high hazard risk area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because both of Solano County's current centers could be forced to evacuate their buildings due to the very emergencies for which they are responsible for coordinating the County's response for more than 450,000 residents in this fast-growing region of California. The project has a clear Federal nexus because the funding to-be 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* (Public Law 110-53).

Pursuant to Clause, 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does my immediate family. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI

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Member of Congress