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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kings County Fire and Office of Emergency Services Headquarters Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kings County, located at 1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230.

This project will fund final planning, design, and construction of a consolidated headquarters that jointly houses Kings County Fire Department (KCFD), Office of Emergency Services (OES), and a unified dispatch center. The current deteriorating 50-year-old facility is no longer fit to house emergency operations, stymying the Kings County's ability to meet the community's growing emergency response needs. Modernizing this infrastructure is essential to ensuring rapid, coordinated, and effective emergency response as the County faces evolving risks from floods, severe weather, and other disasters.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it enhances emergency response capabilities across the county, strengthening emergency readiness while providing a safe working environment for emergency response personnel.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for planning and construction of public works facilities consistent with 42 U.S.C. Section 5305(a)(2)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

VINCE FONG Member of Congress