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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 – The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 – The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lee County Emergency Operations Center as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Lee County, located at 300 West Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804.

This project will provide significant benefits to the community by strengthening the county's ability to effectively respond to emergencies and natural disasters. Currently, the lack of a dedicated and fully coordinated facility limits response efforts across multiple jurisdictions, especially during severe weather events common in the region. By establishing a centralized, secure, and interoperable operations center, the project will improve coordination, decision-making, and overall emergency response before, during, and after disasters. This investment will enhance public safety, increase regional preparedness, and ensure a more resilient and reliable emergency management system for Lee County residents.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trent Kelly".

Trent Kelly  
Member of Congress

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