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April 28, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 – The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House of Representatives  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Pontotoc County Emergency Management Operations Center Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Pontotoc, Mississippi, located at 34 South Liberty Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863

This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because the current Emergency Operations Center operates out of an outdated former jail that limits Pontotoc County's ability to effectively manage emergencies. A new, hardened facility would provide the necessary space, security, and resources to improve coordination among response agencies and better protect the community. Investing in this project would strengthen the county's disaster response capabilities and overall resiliency.

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Trent Kelly  
Member of Congress