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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Desoto County, MS - DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Desoto County, Mississippi at 365 Loshier St Hernando, MS 38632.

This is a good use of taxpayer funds because Desoto County is proposing to build a new state of the art Emergency Operations Center that meets all FEMA safety rated standards and EOC standards. The EOC will also be large enough to accommodate policy makers, a communications room, a large EOC operations main floor and supportive break-out areas.

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', written over a light blue grid background.

Trent Kelly  
Member of Congress