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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Emergency Operations Center** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **County of Del Norte**, located at 981 H Street Crescent City, CA 95531.

The funding would be used to establish a dedicated Primary Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Crescent City, California. Del Norte County is one of the most tsunami-prone jurisdictions on the West Coast. Despite this hazard exposure, Del Norte County currently lacks a purpose-built Primary EOC capable of supporting that level of response. The County also faces persistent wildfire risk, compounding the urgency of this infrastructure gap.

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).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Del Norte County sits at the intersection of California's most severe coastal hazards. A Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami would demand immediate, sustained Operational Area activation across a geographically isolated region with no nearby mutual aid. Without a purpose-built EOC, that response cannot be effectively coordinated, placing lives, property, and critical infrastructure at risk.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress