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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Dispatch Center Communications Upgrade Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Santa Monica located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. The funding would be used for replacing outdated dispatcher consoles in the 9-1-1 Dispatch & Communications Center in the City of Santa Monica. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because public safety dispatcher consoles in the 9-1-1 Dispatch & Communications Center are staffed 24 hours a day, year-round by public safety dispatchers facilitating Police, Fire, and EMS call-taking and radio dispatching. Replacement consoles are needed as they have not been upgraded since 2002 and it is difficult to acquire replacement equipment and parts. These upgrades will help ensure staff are able to be responsive to future 9-1-1 calls from the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ted W. Lieu
Member of Congress