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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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 Cleveland County Emergency Operations Center Construction in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Cleveland County, North Carolina, located at 311 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC, 28150.

The funding would be used to construct a 581 square foot EOC facility on County-owned property at 1333 Fallston Road in Shelby, NC, to provide a dedicated, secure, technologically advanced, and sustainable facility to streamline operations and improve response efficiency in our rural community. Cleveland County, North Carolina, has experienced steady population growth in recent years. In 2023, the County's population was estimated at 101,378, reflecting a 0.72% increase from 2022. Local and regional economic development has been very successful, indicating that this upward trend in population will continue. Despite this growth, the County currently lacks a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is crucial for coordinating responses to natural and man-made disasters.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is strategically located less than one mile of NC Highway 74 Bypass and the Level III Trauma Center/Hospital facility to streamline operations and improve response efficiency. A fully capable and functional Emergency Operations Facility for Cleveland County is an essential element of a comprehensive local, state, and national emergency management system and is necessary to ensure coordination and unity of effort among and across all jurisdictions during a major disaster or emergency.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Moore".

Tim Moore  
Member of Congress