



## Congress of the United States

### House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-4302

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

“I am requesting \$150,000 in funding for the Richmond, Texas Emergency Operations Center Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richmond, located at 402 Morton Street Richmond, Texas 77469. The funding would be used for construction-based improvements to the new city hall, to establish an Emergency Operations Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide the city of Richmond with a centralized coordination environment to support real time decision making and communication between local, state, and federal partners. Currently, city and county officials use temporary locations during emergencies. Richmond is located in a hurricane prone region, making a dedicated emergency operations center necessary. This project will increase public safety during emergencies and natural disasters.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Troy E. Nehls".

Troy E. Nehls  
Member of Congress