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Congress of the United States
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funds for a Sargent, TX Community Center - Disaster Point of Distribution. The funds would be utilized for the construction of an essential Point of Distribution (POD) community center in Sargent, TX, which will be utilized following a hurricane or other natural disaster.

Sargent, TX, is a town of 2,700 people and is the fastest eroding beach in Texas on the Gulf Coast and vulnerable to extensive flooding and hurricanes. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the Sargent community doesn't currently have any place to conduct/disperse disaster relief supplies, resources etc.

Matagorda County and volunteers make do in a small volunteer fire department parking lot. After extreme weather events, volunteers pass out truckloads of ice, water and MRE's. Thousands of hot meals were cooked and passed out in this small place. There was no relief from the heat and the only shelter from rain was where the fire trucks would normally be parked. The need for a Point of Distribution (POD) cannot be overstated. Matagorda County Commissioners have planned the POD, a place where residents can come and take shelter during the day from the heat and rainfall, sit down in air conditioning and eat their meal while they rest from rebuilding their property and lives.

This project has a federal nexus pursuant to Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Nehls', written over a horizontal line.

Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress