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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the city of Taunton in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Taunton, located at 15 Summer Street Taunton, MA 02780. The funding would be used for retrofitting a pre-existing police station exclusively for an EOC.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Taunton's EOC will ensure taxpayer funded resources are being used efficiently and effectively, and the response and recovery efforts are inclusive and responsive to the needs of its citizenry. Based on 2020 Census data, Taunton, a city of nearly 59K faces higher rates than the state in terms of poverty (13.5% vs 10.4%) and lower household income (\$66,787 vs \$89,026). Of Taunton's residents, 23% are racial and ethnic minorities, and 21% of residents over the age of five speak a language other than English at home. Serving individuals in a low-income community presents challenges associated with housing, heat, water, and electricity which is exacerbated during emergencies. The investment of taxpayer funds will assist the largest city by land area in Massachusetts to retrofit its current police headquarters building into a modernized EOC. This will in turn increase police, fire, and emergency management capabilities to monitor operations and communicate directives in the event of an 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 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 "Jake Auchincloss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS

Member of Congress