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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

May 2, 2025

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Taunton Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Taunton, Massachusetts, located at 15 Summer Street Taunton, Massachusetts, 02780. The funding would be used for the construction of an Emergency Operations Center to assist the City of Taunton and serve as a centralized facility used for coordination, command, and control of emergency response efforts during a crisis or disaster.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the 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). 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jake Auchincloss  
Member of Congress