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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Meriden for Combined Emergency Operations Center/Emergency Communications Center Public Safety Communications Upgrades in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Meriden, located at 142 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450. The funding would be used to support critical infrastructure upgrades essential to modernizing Meriden's combined Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Communications Center (ECC). The City is currently completing design work for a new, co-located EOC/ECC facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it reflects Meriden's strong commitment to enhancing emergency preparedness and public safety. Funds will support the installation of critical technology and communications infrastructure. Upgrades will include the replacement of aging radio consoles, dispatch furniture, KVM systems, fiber connectivity, and visual display tools to enable real-time coordination. These improvements are essential to ensuring seamless communication across local, regional, and state emergency response agencies.

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,

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress