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**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Boone County Emergency Operations Center for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Boone County Illinois Emergency Management Agency, 615 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.

The funding will be used to purchase new technology including computers, live-streaming equipment, and radio consoles to support law enforcement and first responders. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will equip Boone County with the tools necessary to quickly respond to natural disasters and manage crises effectively across the region.

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,



Bill Foster  
Member of Congress