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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Emergency Operations Center/Special Needs Shelter Facility in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Okeechobee County, located at 304 NW 2nd St. Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The funding would be used to construct a 30,000 square foot Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Special Needs Shelter facility to support disaster preparedness and emergency response. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly protects lives, supports public safety, and ensures effective disaster preparedness and response.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C. Scott Franklin  
Member of Congress