

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1805**

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Flood Rescue Training Facility Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy, located at 6868 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820.

This funding will support the construction of an advanced, indoor swift water rescue training facility at the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Academy. The facility will feature a simulation tank and versatile rescue environments to provide year-round, specialized training for first responders, law enforcement, military, and industrial teams across the region.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it invests in the safety and preparedness of Louisiana's first responders, ensuring they have year-round access to life-saving training in a state frequently impacted by natural disasters. By reducing the need for costly out-of-state travel and improving response capabilities, the facility will save lives, strengthen regional resilience, and deliver long-term cost savings for local and state emergency operations.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS