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House of Representatives
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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 Hardened Storage Facility for Disaster Preparedness Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Helena Parish Police Jury, located at 17391 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441.

The funding would be used to design and construct a hardened warehouse facility in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, for the storage of emergency response supplies, including food, water, medical materials, and other disaster response equipment. The facility would allow the parish to safely store and pre-position essential supplies provided by the Louisiana National Guard and other agencies in advance of hurricanes and other disasters, addressing current limitations caused by the parish's lack of adequate storage infrastructure. Located adjacent to a planned FEMA-funded Safe Room and near the parish's Public Works facility, the project would create a centralized campus for emergency management and response operations.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience in a rural parish, reduce logistical strain on state resources, and enable faster delivery of supplies to residents following a disaster.

The project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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