

Congress of the United States
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 Warhawk Disaster Response Training & Innovation Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Louisiana Monroe, located at 700 University Avenue, Monroe, LA 71209.

The project will create a technology-enabled applied research environment dedicated to improving disaster preparedness, emergency coordination, and response systems in disaster-prone regions of the United States. The funds will be used to acquire scientific equipment including advanced simulation platforms, data analytics tools, and high-performance computing capabilities.

This request represents responsible use of taxpayer funding because it supports the development and evaluation of technologies and operational practices that improve disaster response. By advancing applied research, strengthening STEM education, and improving coordination among emergency response systems, the project will contribute to safer communities, more resilient infrastructure, and more effective disaster preparedness across the state and region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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