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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a community funding project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Western Illinois University located at 403D Stipes Hall in Macomb, Illinois 61455.

The funding would be used to renovate the existing structure, Currens Hall Library, to create a permanent hardened facility at a strategically placed location that will suitably and efficiently serve the region as Western Illinois Emergency Operations Center (Western EOC) while also leveraging cross-functional benefits inherent to the site due to the existing resources available on WIU's campus. The Western EOC project is a crucial investment in enhancing emergency management services throughout not only western, central and southern, Illinois and the surrounding region (the region) but also the midwestern United States through creation of a hardened, permanent, flexible, interoperable, fully capable, all-hazards EOC strategically located at Western Illinois University (WIU) in McDonough County Illinois.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darin LaHood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021