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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Marshall County 911 Dispatch Center Addition project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, located at 520 Sixth St, Lacon, IL 61540. The funding would be used for the construction of a new emergency dispatch center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current Marshall County 911 Dispatch Center, operating out of a 150-square-foot room on the second floor of the Sheriff's Office, has become a significant liability to public safety due to infrastructure instability, technological risk, zero disaster resilience, and ADA non-compliance. The facility serves as the county-wide emergency communications lifeline, yet its current condition presents immediate threats to emergency response capabilities. The proposed 1,400-square-foot hardened, ground-level addition to the Sheriff's Office building will resolve these systemic deficiencies, ensure Marshall County meets State of Illinois mandates for Next Generation 911 technology, and provide the resilient, accessible infrastructure necessary to maintain reliable emergency dispatch operations for the county's residents.

This 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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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