

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Operations Center located in Teller County, Colorado. The entity to receive funding for this project Teller County Government, located at 112 North A Street, Cripple Creek, CO 80813.

These funds would be used to renovate and upgrade an existing facility owned by Teller County to better serve the community in the event of a catastrophic event, such as wildfires and major weather events. This facility is already used for animal evacuations and emergency equipment staging during these events, but the county is often separated from evacuation routes due to roadway closures, necessitating a safe haven for citizens affected by these events.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Sincerely,



Brittany Pettersen
Member of Congress