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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of North Myrtle Beach, SC Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of North Myrtle Beach. This undeveloped parcel of land is located adjacent to the North Myrtle Beach Sports Complex on Champions Blvd at Pin #'s 3490904001 & 3490904002 on Horry County Land Records.

This funding will allow for the construction of a comprehensive Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in North Myrtle Beach, SC to service severe weather and disaster mitigation, widely attended events, and other various incidents that require EOC activation. The center will be strategically located near the distribution of calls it receives. It will also be built on high ground to mitigate threats from tidal surges and severe wind, and to be more optimally situated during hurricanes and flooding.

The project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help coordinate communications and support to an area that is prone to natural disasters. The EOC will increase public safety during times of hurricanes and tropical storms, isolated severe weather events, and other large-scale events. This facility will serve North Myrtle Beach and the broader Horry County region of South Carolina's Seventh Congressional District.

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

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community funding project in the FY25 Homeland Security Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress