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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Brockton Emergency Operations Center in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Brockton, located at 45 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301. The funding would be used for furnishing a 750 square foot Emergency Operations Center with necessary equipment as well as building and equipping a 1,750 square foot suite for the Brockton Emergency Management Agency's operations within Brockton's new Public Safety Complex development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Brockton's existing Emergency Operations Center is inadequate to handle local disaster response as the current space is unable to sustain critical technology to support the City's first responders during an emergency. As the 6th largest city in Massachusetts, safety enhancements in Brockton will have a ripple effect in improving safety for taxpayers not only in Brockton, but also in the surrounding communities. For the local community, the project will enhance the services of Brockton's Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Management Agency, and IT Department to better serve and protect the general public and physical welfare of the City. The proposed project prevents future harm to residents of Brockton, many of whom are low-income and/or people of color.

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,

Stephen F. Lynch

Member of Congress