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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Thousand Oaks Community Resilience Center Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Thousand Oaks, located at 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

The funding would be used for installation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated microgrid infrastructure to develop the city's Emergency Evacuation Center into a fully functional Community Resilience Center (CRC) that can operate off-grid in the event of emergencies, power outages, and heat waves. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the installation of BESS with accompanying microgrid electrical infrastructure, including switch gear, metering, inverter, control system, and related system components will allow for off-grid autonomous operation of the CRC during wildfires, emergencies, weather events, and power outages to ensure it is operational to assist residents or seek refuge. Keeping the CRC functional will serve residents but most importantly vulnerable populations including low-income residents, immigrants, senior adults, the disabled, and families during natural disasters, emergencies, heatwaves, and power shutoffs and even serve as cooling or warming shelters.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,

JULIA BROWNLEY  
Member of Congress