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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
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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 Westlake Village Emergency Operations Center Resilience Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Westlake Village, located at 31200 Oak Crest Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

The funding would be used for a solar array on the rooftops at the Civic Center, including the EOC and Library. The resilient solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery energy storage system (BESS) will store sun power in large capacity batteries that will allow full EOC capabilities and provide support to County agencies that use our EOC. In addition to providing emergency power to the EOC, the solar project will drastically improve resiliency and protect our community during a disaster. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will meet a critical need to provide power resilience at the city's only cooling center. Without backup power during a power shut off, the city would have to shut down operation of the facility. This critical need was demonstrated on January 7, 2025, when the Westlake EOC hosted City of Malibu's EOC, following their evacuation in the devastating Palisades Fire that destroyed more than 6,837 structures. In response, Edison implemented extensive public safety power shutoffs that lasted for weeks in the surrounding areas. Westlake's Civic Center also served as a hub for evacuated residents from the region looking for a place to find reliable power and internet.

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,

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress