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May 1, 2024

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 Westlake Village Emergency Operations Center Resilience Project in fiscal year 2025. 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.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. § 5133(a),(h)(2)).

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

Sincerely,

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