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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 Agoura Hills Emergency Connectivity & Wireless Resiliency Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Agoura Hills, located at 30001 Ladyface Ct, Agoura Hills, CA 91301.

The funding would be used for installing resilient small wireless facilities at three strategic locations spread throughout the city to create emergency communication hubs capable of maintaining public connectivity during regional power outages and wildfire events. These installations will provide redundant wireless coverage, battery-backed communications infrastructure, and public access points to ensure residents can receive emergency alerts, access critical information, and maintain connectivity when traditional utility infrastructure fails. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it makes a targeted, one-time infrastructure investment that prevents significantly higher public costs in the future. By ensuring emergency communications remain operational during wildfire-related power outages, the project reduces the risk of loss of life, property damage, business interruption, and prolonged disaster recovery expenses. When communication systems fail during emergencies, the financial impacts multiply — including higher emergency response costs, delayed evacuations, uninsured losses, and economic disruption to local businesses. Investing in resilient infrastructure upfront is far more cost-effective than funding repeated disaster response and recovery efforts after preventable system failures. The project also protects prior federal, state, and local investments in public safety systems by ensuring they remain functional when they are needed most. It strengthens coordination among agencies, supports timely public alerts, and reduces strain on first responders, improving overall efficiency of government resources. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Brownley".

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress

