

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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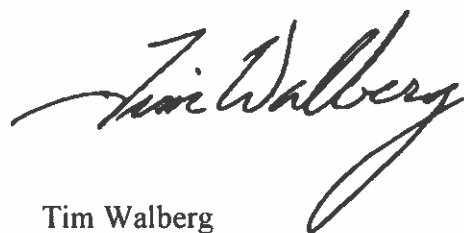
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Emergency Operations Center and 911 Communication Center Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Berrien, located at 701 Main Street, Saint Joseph, MI 49085. The funding would be used for construction of the conjoined Emergency Operations Center and 911 Public Safety Dispatch in Berrien County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would create more public safety jobs, better balance the presence of locations of County offices, and help support the local nuclear power plant emergency operations center in the event of a nuclear emergency. The center would support the nearly 40 local subunits of government within the County, the over 50 police, fire, and EMS public safety response agencies, and the approximate 154,000 residents.

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,



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress