

Congress of the United States  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0905

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Critical Infrastructure Resilience and Emergency Access Enhancement project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of St. Augustine, located at 75 King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

The funding for this project would be used to construct critical flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements along two primary evacuation routes serving the West Augustine community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses infrastructure resilience and protects critical evacuation routes in a historically underserved area. These improvements will reduce flooding risk, ensure reliable access for emergency services during disasters, and improve connectivity to vital community services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



John H. Rutherford  
Member of Congress