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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 in funding for the North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC) Facility project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Texas Emergency Communications Center, Inc. located at 1649 W. Frankford Road, Suite 150 Carrollton, TX 75007.

The funding would be used to support the construction of a permanent facility for the North Texas Emergency Communications Center (NTECC). NTECC was formed through a partnership between the cities of Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Coppell and the Town of Addison, to provide Emergency 911 dispatching services for the four-city area. The facility will have approximately 20,000 square feet of operating space at a cost of approximately \$20 million. This request is for 50% funding, or \$10 million, with the remainder to be paid by the four cities equitably.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because NTECC provides consolidated 911 dispatching for the four cities. NTECC has been housed in leased space since its inception. The lease ends in 2009, so a feasibility study was conducted to determine the cost of constructing a new facility that would be owned and operated by NTECC (the four cities), or renewing the lease. Based on the negotiated renewal by the current landlord, NTECC will save approximately \$25 million over the next 30 years by building a new facility. The facility and the operations directly impact the safety and security of the residents and businesses in the four cities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

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

Sincerely,



Beth Van Duyne
Member of Congress