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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Anne Arundel County's *Annapolis Maritime Resilience Initiative* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Anne Arundel County Government, located at 44 Calvert St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, funding will be used to address flood resilience in the Spa Creek and Back Creek watersheds in and around the Eastport Peninsula through shoreline stabilization, stormwater retrofits, stream restoration, and more. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because hazard mitigation efforts are necessary to protect the houses and residents of Eastport from rising waters and storms, as the area currently has no ability to mitigate flood risks.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Annapolis' *Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC) Technology Improvement* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Annapolis, located at 199 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401.

If awarded, funding will be used to update the operational and technical capacities of the Emergency Operations Center and Joint Information Center by installing new equipment to monitors, radio equipment, workstations, and more. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the current EOC/JIC is using technology that is past its useful life, and new technology infrastructure will ensure the city can maintain emergency operations for planned events and unplanned incidents.

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.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Mount Airy's *Emergency Operations Center Construction* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Mount Airy, located at 110 S. Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 21771.

If awarded, funding will be used to construct the Emergency Operation Center portion of the new Mount Airy Police Station/Emergency Operations Center building. Specifically, the funding will be used for hardened construction elements, communications systems, and critical infrastructure necessary for emergency management. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because a new EOC will provide Mount Airy and the surrounding area long-term public safety and disaster resilience infrastructure, as well as emergency preparedness for the area.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Howard County's *Historic Ellicott City Arm Barriers* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Howard County Government, located at 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21403.

If awarded, funding will be used to design and install various arm barriers around Ellicott City. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Ellicott City sits on a major flood plain, and these barriers will significantly enhance public safety, protect residents and businesses, and strengthen community resilience in an area with chronic flooding and severe storms.

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Town of Highland Beach's *Shoreline Restoration and Protection Initiative* project in the Fiscal Year 2027 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Highland Beach, located at 3243 Walnut Drive, Highland Beach, MD 21403.

If awarded, funding will be used to restore and protect the shoreline of the town using living shoreline techniques, including beach nourishment and marsh creation, and will provide ecosystem improvements for waterfowl, crustaceans, fish and more. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because hazard mitigation efforts are necessary to protect the houses and residents of Highland Beach from rising waters and storms, as well as natural erosion.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

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