

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2402

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa Delauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Montgomery-Holmes County Community Saferoom Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Central Planning and Development District, 28 Industrial Park Blvd. Winona, Mississippi 38967. The funding will support the construction of a community saferoom in the area of Montgomery and Holmes counties, where tornado activity has been most severe over the past 20 years. The land for the saferoom has already been secured, and the facility will house up to 250 people during severe weather events. The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will protect lives, enhance disaster preparedness, and strengthen public safety infrastructure in an underserved and high-risk area.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress