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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$993,060.00 for a Emergency Operations Center and Communications Center Expansion project for the County of Bedford in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is the Bedford County, Virginia, with offices located at 122 East Main Street, Suite 202, Bedford, Virginia 24523.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will add 15,000 square feet to the Bedford County Sheriff's Office building. This building also houses Bedford County's 911 Center. The current building was constructed in 1998. Bedford County does not have a fully capable emergency operations center to activate and operate during state of emergency situations. This will provide a center that is centrally located in Bedford County and easily accessible to all responding agencies.

Bedford County serves a large rural jurisdiction where coordinated response and regional mutual aid are essential during major incidents such as severe weather events, large wildfires, hazardous materials incidents, and other emergencies. A modern Emergency Operations Center will strengthen incident command coordination, improve situational awareness, and allow county leaders and partner agencies to manage emergencies more effectively when lives and property are at risk.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) program, section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and a long, sweeping underline.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH  
Member of Congress