

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on
Appropriations
The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Harrison County Storm Shelter project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Harrison County Board of Supervisors located at 801 23rd Ave. Gulfport, MS, 39501. The funding would be used to construct a 12,000 square foot, multi-purpose storm shelter to serve residents of Central and Eastern Harrison County, significantly strengthening the region's disaster preparedness and public safety infrastructure.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will construct a hardened, multi-purpose storm shelter to protect residents of Central and Eastern Harrison County during hurricanes, tornadoes, and other severe weather events common along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The facility will be engineered to withstand wind speeds exceeding 200 miles per hour and will significantly expand the region's emergency shelter capacity in an area where limited safe shelter options currently exist.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 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.

Sincerely,



Mike Ezell
Member of Congress