

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:

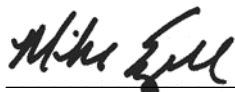
I am requesting funding for the Sumrall Public Safety, Communications and Community Shelter project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Sumrall located at 4880 Highway 589, Sumrall, MS, 39482. The funding would be used to develop state-of-the-art Public Safety Facilities that include communications and a community storm shelter that will improve public safety services, physical safety, provide a feeling of security, and have a significant and long-lasting impact on the citizens of Sumrall.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will support the construction of a public safety facility in the Town of Sumrall that includes emergency communications infrastructure and a community storm shelter designed to protect residents during severe weather events. Communities across south Mississippi regularly face threats from hurricanes, tornadoes, and severe thunderstorms, creating immediate risks to life and safety. Many residents in the Sumrall area—particularly elderly individuals and those with limited mobility or financial resources—currently lack access to safe shelter.

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