Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$75,000 for renovations and major technological investments in the Emergency Operations Center for the Cayuga County Office of Emergency Services, located at 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY 13021. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would provide Cayuga County with enhanced emergency operations capabilities.

The current Cayuga County EOC lacks the equipment and capabilities of a modern EOC. While they are unable to increase the space of their operations, with this funding they would be able to increase their capabilities to serve the community by leveraging investments in modern technology. For this reason, Cayuga County Emergency Management has identified technological upgrades for the Cayuga County EOC as a priority to ensure public safety and well-coordinated emergency response operations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John Katko

Member of Congress