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

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member,  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

I am requesting funding for the development of a Florida A&M University Emergency Operations Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida A&M University, located at 400 Lee Hall, Tallahassee, FL 32307.

The funding would be used to safeguard its 10,000+ students and strengthen North Florida's disaster response capabilities. As hurricanes and severe storms increasingly threaten the region, FAMU's current infrastructure lacks the centralized command, interoperable technology, and coordination capacity needed to act decisively during crises. This center will not only protect campus lives and assets but also serve as a critical hub for regional partners—closing a vital gap in Tallahassee's emergency coordination network and ensuring resilient, unified response when disasters strike. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this center will help close a vital gap in Tallahassee's and North Florida's regional emergency coordination network and ensure resilient, unified response when disasters strike.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Neal Dunn  
Member of Congress