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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the UGA Disaster Preparedness Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., located at 500 D.W. Brooks Dr. Athens, Georgia 30602. The funding would be used to establish a Disaster Preparedness Center to assist local governments, school systems, military installations and surrounding defense communities, and the State of Georgia with disaster planning and preparedness to improve community resilience statewide. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Georgia faces many natural disaster threats, including hurricanes, tornadoes, severe storms, wildfires, and floods. In 2024, Hurricane Helene wound through 63 counties, causing at least 33 deaths in Georgia and becoming the state's most destructive and expensive storm on record. The storm also revealed a pressing need to improve resilience, infrastructure planning, coordination, and local leadership capacity so that communities are more prepared 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,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress

