



March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Community Project Funding for the Kern County Emergency Communications Project**

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kern County Emergency Communications Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Kern, located at 1115 Truxtun Ave, Fifth Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

The Kern County Emergency Communications Project will modernize critical emergency communications infrastructure, including the replacement of a 40-year-old backup generator, which is beyond its service life and poses a significant risk of failure during major power outages, and the acquisition of a modern Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to enhance emergency response operations. Replacing the aging generator will ensure uninterrupted 911 dispatch operations and maintain reliable communication for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services during emergencies. Upgrading to a modern CAD platform will improve call processing and enhance information sharing between dispatchers and officers. These improvements will also strengthen coordination between the Kern County Sheriff's Office and the Bakersfield Police Department during large-scale incidents through shared visibility of active calls and available resources. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve response times, enhance interagency coordination, and strengthen the resilience of Kern County's emergency communications systems to protect public safety.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 1701(b)(9) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(9))

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress