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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith Congressman, 4<sup>th</sup> District 405 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

(Emailed and Mailed)

Dear Congressman Smith:

Ocean County is seeking your assistance for funding of a new Ocean County Sheriff's Department Building in the upcoming House appropriations legislation.

The Sheriff's Department currently operates out of several buildings throughout the County. Construction of a new facility will allow for consolidation to maximize operational efficiencies in performing his statutorial duties along with other ancillary services to the citizens of Ocean County and other law enforcement agencies.

The County is developing plans for a new facility for the Sheriff's Department that would house, among other functions, the Sheriff's 911 Call Center and Office of Emergency Management. The building would be approximately 60,000 square feet and construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$60,000,000. The County is requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 for the preparation of concept plans, site design and permitting for the portion of the facility that would house the 911 Call Center and OEM. The balance of the costs for this phase of the project will be funded by the County.

The new facility will allow for operational efficiencies at one central location and reduce building maintenance costs which will help to improve Sheriff's Department's functions including Court Security, Forensic Lab, Detectives Division, Warrants Division, 911 Call Center, Office of Emergency Management and Probation.



SPECIAL ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS available, please call (732) 929-2130.

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith April 25, 2022 Page 2

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this valuable project, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

John N. Ernst, P.E., P.P. Ocean County Engineer

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cc: Ocean County Board of Commissioners Carl W. Block, Administrator Michael J. Fiure, Assistant Administrator

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April 21, 2022

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith Congressman, 4<sup>th</sup> District 405 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

(Emailed and Mailed)

Dear Congressman Smith:

We are writing regarding the inclusion of funding for the new Ocean County Sheriff's Building in the upcoming House appropriations legislation.

The Ocean County Sheriff's Department currently operates out of several unconnected buildings located throughout the County. This makes it difficult for the Sheriff to maximize operational efficiencies in performing his statutorial duties along with other ancillary services to the citizens of Ocean County and other law enforcement agencies.

The County is in the process of designing a new facility for the Sheriff's Department that would house, among other functions, the Sheriff's 911 Call Center and Office of Emergency Management. The building would be approximately 60,000 square feet and construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$60,000,000.00. The County is requesting an appropriation of \$500,000.00 for the preparation of concept plans, site design and permitting for the portion of the facility that would house the 911 Call Center and OEM. The balance of the costs for this phase of the project will be funded by the County.

We believe a new facility will allow the Sheriff to realize efficiencies of operation from one central location, reduce costs to maintain seven (7) separate buildings which comprise the Sheriff's Department's functions including Court Security, Forensic Lab, Detectives Division, Warrants Division, 911 Call Center, Office of Emergency Management and Probation. The Honorable Christopher H. Smith April 21, 2022

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this valuable project, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Gary Quinn Ocean County Commissioner, Sheriff Department Liaison

Director, Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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April 25, 2022

The Honorable Christopher H. Smith Congressman, 4<sup>th</sup> District 405 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

Via regular mail and email

Dear Congressman Smith:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting inclusion of funding for the new Ocean County Sheriff's Building in the upcoming House appropriations legislation.

The Ocean County Sheriff's Office currently operates out of several unconnected buildings located throughout the County. This makes it difficult for the Sheriff to maximize operational efficiencies in the performance of his statutorial duties, along with other ancillary services to the citizens of Ocean County and other law enforcement agencies.

Ocean County is in the process of designing a new facility for the Sheriff's Office that would house, among other functions, the Sheriff's 911 Call Center and The Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The building would be approximately 60,000 square feet. Construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$60,000,000.00. The County is requesting an appropriation of \$500,000.00 for the preparation of concept plans, site design and permitting for the portion of the facility that would house the 911 Call Center and OEM. The balance of the costs for this phase of the project will be funded by Ocean County.

Ocean County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the state of New Jersey, with over 600,000 full time residents. The Sheriff's Office provides numerous services to all 33 municipalities in the county. The Office is also responsible for emergency management operations throughout the county. It is extremely important for command and coordination that the county-wide 911 system operations and the emergency management functions be brought to together. The county commissioners agree with the plan to build a new state of the art 911 center together with emergency management functions on property currently owned by Ocean County. This facility will be so structured to allow for growth as future needs may require. The building proposed will ensure that it continues to be operational no matter what emergency presents itself. The project should qualify for the Emergency Management Accredited Program (EMAP), including network reliability and inoperability as well as FEMA Standards.



April 25, 2022 The Honorable Christopher H. Smith

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this valuable project, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Michael G. Mastronardy

Sheriff

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