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The Honorable Chris Smith
United States House of Representatives
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

RE: Emergency Operations Center Grant Request

Dear Representative Smith:

On behalf of the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to express my full support for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant application submitted by Monmouth County Sheriff Office - Emergency Management. As a County Administrator for the County of Monmouth, the Board of County Commissioners and I have witnessed firsthand the critical need for an effective and well-equipped EOC in our region.

As we have seen in recent natural disasters and emergencies, having a centralized location for emergency response and coordination is essential for saving lives and minimizing the impact of these events on our community. The proposed EOC upgrades would serve as a hub for emergency management, bringing together first responders, government officials, and other key stakeholders to effectively respond to disasters and emergencies.

The grant funds would be used to equip the EOC with the necessary technology and infrastructure to ensure a coordinated and efficient response to emergency situations. This would include communication equipment, emergency power sources, and other critical resources that would enable the EOC to function as a 24/7 command center.

Monmouth County Sheriff Office - Emergency Management has a strong track record of effective emergency management and community outreach. I am confident that the proposed EOC upgrades would be a valuable asset to our community and would greatly enhance our ability to respond to emergencies in a timely and effective manner.

I strongly recommend that the grant application be approved, and I thank you for your prompt attention and consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Teri O'Connor', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Teri O'Connor
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March 16, 2023

The Honorable Chris Smith
United States House of Representatives
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RE: Emergency Operations Center Grant Program Request

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing you to express the support of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for Monmouth County's FY2024 Emergency Operations Center Grant Program request to replace vital end of life equipment.

Monmouth County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves a critical role in every part of emergency management. From the EOC, representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, along with medical services, utilities and others coordinate efforts during an incident. The County's EOC has been activated during extreme weather, natural disasters, environmental situations, and most recently, the world-wide pandemic.

These renovations and upgrades will allow the County to better serve its' communities during natural or manmade disasters. These upgrades will allow interoperable capabilities among all partner agencies and organizations to communicate and coordinate more efficiently.

With so many vital responsibilities, it is critically important that the center be updated and outfitted with the most current equipment and technology. Doing so will help ensure that the County is able to plan, coordinate and respond to large-scale emergencies and other disasters that threaten public safety or health.

If there are any questions regarding this project, please contact me at 609-439-8196 or Bradley.Waugh@njsp.org. Thank you in advance for your timely review and consideration with this request.



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Sincerely,

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