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March 19, 2026

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 HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

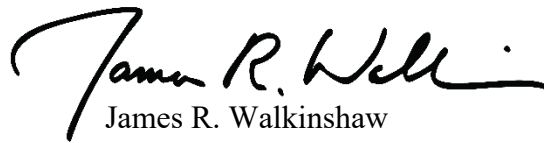
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the AI-Enabled Community Resilience Platform for Emergency Response in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is George Mason University, located at 4441 George Mason Boulevard, Fairfax, VA, 22030. The funding would be used to develop and deploy an AI-Enabled Community Resilience Platform for Emergency Response, which will deliver operational decision support for Fairfax and Arlington counties in transportation-related emergencies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will lead to faster and more precise deployment of personnel and equipment, lowering overtime expenditures, reducing property loss, and accelerating system recovery.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

  
James R. Walkinshaw  
Member of Congress