



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Chairman Cole
Chairman, House Committee on
Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Kotzebue Emergency Command Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Kotzebue, located at 258 A Third Avenue Kotzebue, Alaska 99749.

Funding will support planning, design, and initial construction readiness to expand an existing City-owned building into a multipurpose Emergency Command Center, including engineering, permitting, and critical infrastructure upgrades for emergency operations, communications, and sheltering. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it enhances disaster preparedness and response capacity, reducing risk to lives and infrastructure in a remote region that relies on coordinated emergency support.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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 that reads "Nicholas J. Begich III".

Nicholas J. Begich III
Congressman for All Alaska