



**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC**

May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Ranking Member DeLauro  
Ranking Member, House Committee on  
Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wrangell Public Safety Building & Emergency Operations Center Rehabilitation project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City & Borough of Wrangell, located at City & Borough of Wrangell P.O. Box 531, Wrangell, Alaska 99929.

This project would benefit not only the 2,000-plus residents of Wrangell but also the many tourists and visitors to our community who deserve adequate public safety and emergency response. The project would include siding, doors, and window replacement; as well as structural repairs to compromised exterior walls, floors, and roof joist systems. A particularly urgent issue is a building section that overhangs above the jail's outdoor recreation yard, which was found to be near collapse due to structural deterioration.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayers funds as the 40-year-old Public Safety Building and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Wrangell is a vital hub for numerous essential services. It houses the EOC, Fire Hall and firefighting equipment, ambulance operations and first responders, the Police Station and centralized dispatch center, the Jail, the Alaska District Court House and Public Records, the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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