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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$7,000,000 for the funding of an Emergency Shelter and Community Wellness Center to be located at 110 S. Market Steet, Trenton, N.C. 28585. The Jones County Emergency Shelter and Community Wellness Center is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address a critical life-safety, disaster resilience, and public safety infrastructure gap within North Carolina's Third Congressional District by establishing the County's very first hardened hurricane-resistant emergency shelter. Spanning approximately 500 square miles of predominantly rural terrain, Jones County currently has no hardened public facility capable of withstanding storms greater than a Category 2 hurricane. During major storm events, residents — including seniors, veterans, families with limited mobility, and individuals without reliable transportation — are forced to evacuate outside the County to seek safe shelter.

There is a strong federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. §5301 et seq.), which authorizes federal assistance for community development activities, including the development of public facilities and infrastructure that support disaster resilience, public safety, and services that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory F. Murphy".

Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.
Member of Congress
North Carolina's 3rd District