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

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UW RAPID Mobile Disaster Command Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Washington, located at 301 Gerberding Hall, Seattle, Washington 98195.

The funding would be used to establish a Mobile Disaster Data Collection Center for the RAPID Facility. This mobile laboratory will deploy specialized equipment to disaster sites nationwide, collecting critical engineering, environmental and public health data within hours of major events. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide emergency responders and federal agencies with rapid, actionable information to protect communities and accelerate recovery.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress