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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-307 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for The Fountain B. Wims Center in Stewart County in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Stewart County Commission, which is located at 7062 Green Grove Road, Lumpkin, GA 31815.

The funding would be used for renovations and improvements of its community center and emergency shelter. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Fountain B. Wims Center serves Stewart County's public health and safety as the county's ONLY certified emergency shelter and as a local emergency food closet. A dependable HVAC and fire safety system as well as adequate roofing and drainage are essential to maintaining safe indoor conditions to protect seniors, children, and medically vulnerable residents during emergencies.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanford D. Bishop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "S" and "B".

Sanford D. Bishop
Member of Congress