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FOURTEENTH DISTRICT, TEXAS

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

The Honorable David Joyce  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Henry Cuellar  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Joyce, and Ranking Member Cuellar:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2024 (FY24) Homeland Security appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider a funding level of \$9,375,000.00 for the First Responder Dual Use Hurricane Safe Room at the City of Galveston, 3016 Market Street, Galveston, Texas 77550.

The funding would be used to design and construct a new fire station/hurricane safe room to provide near-absolute life safety protection to designated first responders and critical/essential services personnel that must remain on the island during mandatory evacuations. The facility will be designed and constructed to the applicable standards, including FEMA P-361, and will be protected from both wind and flooding. The facility is anticipated to be approximately 20,000 square feet in area and will protect approximately 200 personnel and their necessary equipment. These personnel are vital to Galveston's initial hurricane and storm response; therefore, they must stay on island during storm events. This facility will allow Galveston to begin immediate response/assessment operations as soon as it is safe to do so, to include providing immediate life safety and rescue operations and initial damage assessments. It is anticipated that the facility will be constructed on land owned by the City at the time of funding award.

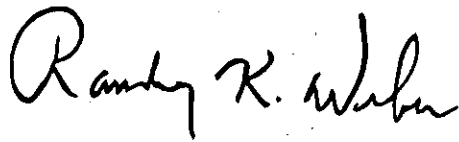
The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because first responders and critical services personnel are vital to the City's response to, and recovery from, hurricanes and other storm

events. Having such essential personnel safely housed on the island will ensure response and recovery operations can begin immediately after the storm passes.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy K. Weber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

RANDY K. WEBER  
United States Representative