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The Honorable Vince Fong
U.S. House of Representatives
243 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Emergency Operations Center community project funding request

Dear Representative Fong, Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express strong support for funding the Kern County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) backup generator project and respectfully request \$1,000,000 in community project funding and congressionally directed spending to modernize and strengthen the County's emergency power infrastructure for our emergency operations.

The EOC is currently supported by a backup generator that is more than 40 years old and well beyond its expected service life. This aging equipment is increasingly vulnerable to failure during prolonged power outages, precisely when it is most needed. A generator failure would directly compromise the County's ability to coordinate first responder services during wildfires, earthquakes, severe weather, or other large-scale incidents, placing public safety at significant risk.

This project would replace the outdated generator at the EOC and add a 200-kilowatt portable diesel generator to support emergency response capabilities. The portable unit would provide critical redundancy during major incidents, planned maintenance, or unanticipated system failures, ensuring operations remain functional even if a primary system is compromised.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to emergency preparedness and public safety. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", with a stylized, flowing script.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

cc: Kern County Fire Department
Kern County General Services Division
Townsend Public Affairs