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January 15, 2021

Ms. Schevonda Hunt:

On behalf of the citizens of the 9th Congressional District of Tennessee, I am honored to congratulate you and your team on securing a 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a Tornado Safe Room at Belle Forest Community School in Shelby County.

I commend you for taking the lead on the application process and working diligently with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency's (TEMA) Hazard Mitigation Application and Project Specialist Kari Cochran and Hazard Mitigation Grants Manager and Closeout Specialist Donna Holden to ensure the success of the PDM grant process. Your vision and leadership are noted in helping to bring the Tornado Safe Room project to fruition.

As a professional counselor of 4th and 5th graders at Belle Forest Community School, where the Tornado Safe Room will be located, I'm sure the students, staff and leadership are just as proud of your accomplishment as I am. I'm also sending kudos to former principal Dr. Tanisha Heaston, SCS grant writers, current principal Dr. Patricia Griggs-Merriweather, and the 1100 students at Belle Forest Community School.

Again, congratulations on taking the lead to ensure that the Tornado Safe Room project at Belle Forest Community School becomes a reality, which will address long-term recovery from natural hazards such as tornadoes, flooding, landslides and wildfire.

As always, I remain,

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Cohen
Member of Congress