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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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I am writing in support of SB 894 to provide infrastructure improvements to the OSFEC as a regional emergency and evacuee center. Our community has been impacted by several natural disasters in the past years including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wildfires of 2020 and the ice storm of 2021. It is only a matter of time until our community is affected by another disaster. It is imperative that our state and community are capable of responding to disasters such as these. While the fair grounds provided relief for evacuee's and a mass vaccination clinic during COVID, the facilities are outdated and in need of repair.