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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the East Side Development Program – Apron Expansion Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Iberia Parish Airport Authority (Acadiana Regional Airport), located at 1404 Hangar Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560. The funding would be used for phase 1 of the East Side Development program which includes the construction of approximately 125,000 square feet of pavement for the taxiway and apron and the associated drainage work. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the apron expansion will generate jobs and economic growth, bolstering the local workforce and area's tax base.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq., and FAA policy and guidance.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress