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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 West Ramp Rehabilitation Project Phase II in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Houma Terrebonne Airport Commission, located at 10264 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana 70363. The West Ramp Rehabilitation Phase II project at Houma-Terrebonne Airport will modernize critical infrastructure originally built in the 1940s to support today's heavier and more frequent aircraft traffic. The project will upgrade the ramp's pavement to accommodate aircraft up to 150,000 pounds, doubling current capacity and directly supporting offshore energy logistics, business aviation, and emergency response operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative will improve the safety of airport operations, spur economic development, create jobs, and foster regional economic growth.

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,

Clay Higgins Member of Congress