



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Apron East Side Development Program project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entities to receive funding for this project are the Iberia Parish Airport Authority and the Acadiana Regional Airport, located at 1404 Hangar Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560. The funding would be used to expand airfield capacity and support the aviation industry's growth in Iberia Parish and the greater Acadiana region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents an investment in infrastructure that will enable the Airport to continue operating safely and expand its overall economic impact.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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