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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Barkley Regional Airport (PAH) – Fire and Snow Equipment Facility Construction Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Barkley Regional Airport Authority, located at 100 Terminal Drive, West Paducah, Kentucky 42086.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would replace the airport's existing Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) and Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) facilities, which are both more than 40 years old and have exceeded their useful life. The current facilities are in poor condition, need major repairs, and fail to meet current FAA design, functionality, and space allocation requirements for said facilities.

This project will also construct a new common facility that meets current FAA and industry standards and is more centrally located on the airfield, improving incident response times. The preliminary layout concept for this facility generally involves an access drive that connects the proposed facility to the airfield at Taxiway Alpha, an access drive that connects the proposed facility to the existing Terminal Building Service Drive, facility parking lot, equipment storage, and circulation pavements (approximately 3,000 square yards), and single-story ARFF-SRE Facility (approximately 13,000 square feet), plus supporting utility and site infrastructure.

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 neither I nor anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



James Comer  
Member of Congress