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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Apron Infrastructure Development, 54J, DeFuniak Springs, FL – Phase 2 of Runway 9-27 Expansion. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of DeFuniak Springs, FL located at 1350 Baldwin Ave., DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435. The funding would be used to provide safe taxi and increased aircraft parking space in support of 54J's terminal construction (in progress and fully funded at \$8.4 Million) and is phase 2 of the Runway 9-27 expansion plans that are designed to increase the airport's capacity and to remove previous airfield movement constraints. Constructing an expanded apron (42,000 square feet) will support a projected 35 percent increase in air traffic while safely providing aircraft taxi and parking space. This project economically benefits DeFuniak Springs and Walton County by leveraging 54J's assets to meet growing demands for point-to-point air mobility.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

Neal P. Dunn, M.D.

Member of Congress