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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Design & Construct New Air Cargo Road project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority, located at 3201 Cira Drive, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. The funding would be used for the design and construction of a new air cargo road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the increased daily usage of the terminal's only roadway surface by air cargo heavy- tractor-trailers has resulted in serious roadway safety issues for commercial passengers and significantly accelerated the deterioration of this roadway. The airport has experienced instances where accidents involving these trucks have nearly occurred because the terminal roadway was not built for this activity. Constructing this air cargo road will allow the Airport Authority to redirect this truck activity to a different road, and in turn, immediately improve traffic safety for all vehicles accessing the air cargo and passenger terminal areas.

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.

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress