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The Honorable Rose L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5,585,000 for the expansion of the Southern Illinois Airport in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern Illinois Airport Authority, located at 665 North Airport Road, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

The funding would be used to expand the Southern Illinois Airport's taxiway A, aircraft ramp, and parking lots to support Southern Illinois' growing aircraft industry.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Completion of this project would result in the creation of more than 120 aviation technician jobs. Aircraft technician work will be brought back into the states from Mexico, where these jobs are presently maintained. Additionally, 100 construction jobs will be created including a high percentage for women and minority-owned firms.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost  
Member of Congress