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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  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$4,250,000 for the MidAmerica St. Louis Airport Federal Inspection Station Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive the funds is MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, located at 9656 Air Terminal Drive, Ste. 100, Mascoutah, IL 62258.

The project would add a boarding gate with associated departure lounge and incorporate a new Federal Inspection Station (FIS) for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The FIS will be on the ground floor with a jet bridge, secure corridor, and vertical conveyance above. MidAmerica St. Louis Airport's (BLV) enplanements are at an all-time high, in part due to added flights and an expanding partnership with Allegiant. Allegiant's alliance with Viva Aerobus makes BLV a logical addition for international flights that would serve both urban and rural customers. CBP has informed BLV that their current customs infrastructure is needs upgrades to meet their current standards, making this project essential.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The 27,000 square foot facility responds to rapid growth at BLV and demand for international access. The project is necessary to allow for international commercial flights at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV), which would expand service offerings for underserved areas in the Metro East and the broader region. The project will increase airline competition by facilitating Viva Aerobus's entrance to the market and provide good paying jobs for the community. The project is Phase 4 of a broader terminal improvement program to add capacity, address ADA compliance and accessibility issues, and improve energy efficiency.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost  
Member of Congress