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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,115,000 for the Southern Illinois Airport Authority Airfield Snow Removal Equipment project in Murphysboro, Illinois in fiscal year 2027.

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

The proposed project will include the acquisition and commissioning of airfield snow removal equipment for the Southern Illinois Airport, consisting of two runway snow removal brooms and one rotary snow blower. The equipment will be used to support winter maintenance operations on the airport's runways, taxiways, and aircraft movement areas. The scope of work includes procurement of the snow removal equipment, delivery to the airport, installation of required airport-specific equipment and safety lighting, operator training, and placement into operational service. The new equipment will replace aging snow removal assets currently in the airport's fleet and improve the airport's capability to safely and efficiently clear snow and ice during winter weather events.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The airfield snow removal equipment will support the airport's snow and ice control plan and enhance the airport's ability to maintain safe runway conditions, minimize operational disruptions, and ensure continued accessibility for aviation operations during winter weather. Additionally, the Southern Illinois Airport is a federally obligated public-use airport included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and serves as a key regional aviation hub supporting general aviation, aviation education through Southern Illinois University's nationally recognized aviation program, emergency response operations, medical transport, and regional business aviation activity.

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 my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress