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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

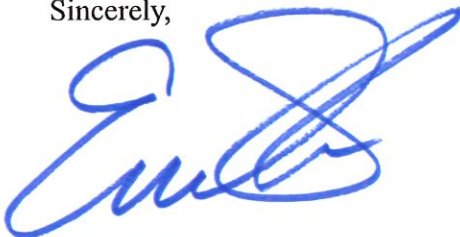
I am requesting \$6,100,000 in funding for the Kent State University Airport Improvements project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Kent State University located at 1025 Risman Drive, Kent, Ohio 44242. The funding would be used to provide critical enhancements to Kent State University Airport (1G3), including taxiways, aprons, and utilities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a clearly documented gap in the education, training, and support infrastructure available to first responders and public safety professionals in the Akron/Summit County area.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Emilia Sykes  
Member of Congress