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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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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  
Washington, DC 20515

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 800 East Summit Street, 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 consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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