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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1805

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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 funding for General Aviation Improvements at John H. Hooks, Jr. Memorial Airport (M79) Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Rayville, located at 109 Benedette Street (P.O. Box 878), Rayville, LA 71269.

The funding would be used to improve general aviation infrastructure at the John H. Hooks, Jr. Memorial Airport in Rayville, Louisiana, including pavement rehabilitation, the construction of an ADA-compliant terminal, apron expansion, and the installation of a self-service fuel farm. These upgrades will address critical deficiencies that limit the airport's operational efficiency and safety. This investment will strengthen disaster resilience and emergency medical response capabilities while supporting the regional agricultural industry and ensuring the airport remains compliant with federal safety standards.

This project represents responsible use of taxpayer funds because it preserves a federally recognized aviation asset, directly reduces emergency response times, and prevents the costly total reconstruction of deteriorating airfield pavements.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS