## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Chairwoman Kay Granger House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 Ranking Member Rosa L. DeLauro House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Terminal Apron at BWG, Bowling Green, KY in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport, located at 1000 Woodhurst Drive, Suite 210, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42103. The funding would be used for construction costs to rehabilitate the western portion of the terminal apron that serves the general aviation community. The asphalt apron pavement surrounding the general aviation hangars located near the FBO terminal is in severe need of rehabilitation as indicated by the 2018 PCI study performed by the Kentucky Department of Aviation; with pavement condition indices ranging from 39 to 51, the pavement will soon be past the point of rehabilitation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there have been widespread safety concerns by both the airport staff and tenants of Foreign Object Debris (FOD) causing damage to aircraft and ground vehicles. The existing asphalt pavement has become uneven over the past several years, which has caused the creation of numerous ponding water areas that has become a wildlife attraction. Lastly, with the uneven pavement surfaces and extensive cracking, the rideability of this section of the Terminal Apron is harsh and highly undesirable. This funding will help improve the safety concerns for staff and tenants and will improve accessibility of the terminal apron.

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 I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Brett Author

Member of Congress