## 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 Runway 18/36 LED Lighting Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport (OWB), located at 2200 Airport Road, Owensboro, KY, 42301. The funding would be used to replace obsolete and costly incandescent runway lighting with high efficiency LED lighting for the airport's main runway. This will reduce the carbon footprint of the airport, save taxpayer money, and allow the airport to better serve its two commercial air carriers, emergency services, law enforcement, and both tenant and transient general aviation customers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the airport's new lighting system will enhance safety and usability of the airport as well as deliver benefits such as reduced operational costs and reduced environmental impact. In addition to saving the airport thousands of dollars a year on utility bills, it will also significantly decrease routine maintenance costs of expensive and frequent bulb replacements, and extend the life of transformers and other electrical supply facilities.

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,

Member of Congress

Bret Sather