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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Florence Regional Airport Passenger Terminal Rehab & TSA Required Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pee Dee Regional Airport District, located at 2100 Terminal Dr, Florence, South Carolina 29506. The funding would be used for terminal rehabilitation and TSA reconfiguration.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because modernizing the terminal is critical to supporting the airport's role as a regional transportation hub and economic catalyst for the Pee Dee region and South Carolina's 7th Congressional District. The project addresses essential infrastructure needs, including outdated HVAC, IT, lighting, and security systems, and accommodates new TSA screening equipment that requires a larger operational footprint. These improvements will enhance passenger flow and safety, support the expansion of commercial air service, and improve the airport's attractiveness to business and industrial development. The current passenger terminal is 33 years old and has not undergone any significant upgrades during that time. As a result, critical infrastructure systems are failing. The HVAC system creates significant temperature differentials, leading to excessive moisture throughout the building. The electrical system is outdated, and many existing light fixtures are so old that replacement bulbs are no longer manufactured. Additionally, the building's security system is obsolete. The TSA has required an expansion of the screening checkpoint to accommodate state-of-the-art security equipment. The terminal's outdated design also creates operational bottlenecks and limits passenger throughput. A modernized terminal is essential to support efficient operations and to attract and retain commercial air carriers.

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, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry  
Member of Congress