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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the FLO Runway Reconstruction project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pee Dee Regional Airport District, located at 2100 Terminal Drive, Florence, SC 29506.

This funding would be used for runway reconstruction at the Florence Regional Airport (FLO). The proposed project is to rehabilitate Runway 09/27, parallel Taxiway A, and connector Taxiways A1, A2, A3, and A4. All pavements for these facilities are more than 20 years old. Results from the 2023 Statewide Airfield Pavement Management System Update, completed by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, indicate that the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for each of these pavements is either poor or fair.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because Florence County and the Florence area have a great potential for commercial, industrial, and recreational growth. Recent increased airport usage indicates that the airport facilities at FLO need to be maintained, grow, and expand to meet the needs of the aviation users of the facility. The proposed improvements for FLO will help to meet both the present and projected future aviation needs of both the public and private sectors of this area. This project will provide a means to meet airport development demands in a well-planned and cost-effective manner. The availability of safer and improved airfield facilities will enhance service to existing users and will serve as a drawing card to new users and new industrial and private capital investment in the Florence County area.

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.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community funding project in the FY25 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Russell Fry
Member of Congress