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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, United States Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$850,000.00 for the Twin County Airport Runway I Extension project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used for preliminary engineering, environmental assessment, and land acquisition.

Sponsoring this project is Twin County Airport Commission, with offices located at 504 Hangar Road, Hillsville, VA 24343.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Twin County Airport is currently one of the only airports in the area that does not have at least a 5,000-foot runway to accommodate the needs of business jet traffic. Twin County Airport is located one mile from I-77, twenty miles from I-81, and two miles from the Wildwood Commerce Park. The Wildwood Commerce Park is a twenty-million-dollar investment by the Blue Ridge Crossroads Economic Development Authority, which is funded by Twin County Airport partners: Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax. Funding this runway extension project would create significant economic development opportunities for Wildwood Commerce Park and the region.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

Member of Congress