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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Spirit of St. Louis Airport (SUS) South Airfield Reconstruction in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Spirit of St. Louis Airport, located at 18270 Edison Avenue, Chesterfield, MO 63005.

The funding would be used for the reconstruction of Runway 8R-26L and associated taxiways at Spirit of St. Louis Airport to address pavement deterioration and improve safety. It also includes access improvements and the relocation of navigational aids. The South Airfield Reconstruction Program is a critical initiative to address pavement conditions, safety imperatives, and compliance with modern standards. Spirit of St. Louis's airfield pavement shows advanced structural deterioration, and its pavement condition index (below 60) necessitates reconstruction. These pavements must be improved before unplanned closures are needed, which would impact not only SUS but also the broader system that serves as a National Reliever Airport. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will accelerate the construction timeline, mitigate risks, minimize operational disruptions, and help maintain uninterrupted service at this high-activity airport.

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,

Bob Onder (MO-03)
Member of Congress