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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding to construct hangers at McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Tennessee Department of Transportation, located at 505 Deaderick Street, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37243. The funding would be used to construct three 8,000 square foot (SF) T-hangers with approximately 81,160 SF of associated airfield pavement and approximately 38,850 SF of landside drive and parking. Additionally, the funding would be used to construct three 10,000 SF corporate hangars with a 2,000-SF office lean-to. The corporate hangars need approximately 73,800 SF of associated airfield pavement and approximately 37,520 SF of landside drive and parking. Repairing, milling, and overlaying all existing landside asphalt roads and parking, in addition to replacement of failing sidewalk will be used with the funds. In September 2021, Ford Motor Company announced the selection West Tennessee for the future home of Blue Oval City. The planned investment has sparked numerous subsidiary companies in the region to supply resources. The McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport hangar improvement will benefit the rapid commercial, industrial, and business travel needs while increasing the communities access to regional flights closer to their local community.

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.

Thank you for considering my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-4714.

Sincerely,

David Kustoff
Member of Congress