

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1408

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Evansville Regional Airport (EVV) passenger Terminal Emergency Backup Generator project. The entity to receive this project will be the Evansville Regional Airport, located at, 7801 Bussing Drive, Evansville, IN 47725.

The funding would be used for the installation of an emergency backup power source for the terminal, which has become a critical need. The region frequently experiences severe weather, including snow, ice, wind, tornadoes, and extreme heat - which has led to multiple power outages over the years. Currently, EVV lacks an emergency generator, leaving the terminal vulnerable during such events. A backup power system would significantly improve passenger comfort and safety, especially during extreme temperatures, while also maintaining essential operations such as lighting, TSA screening, access control, and security systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project would offer several key benefits, particularly in enhancing safety, operational continuity, and regulatory compliance, such as improved passenger safety and comfort, operational continuity, emergency preparedness, regulatory compliance, and public confidence and trust.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mark Messmer
Member of Congress