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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair and Ranking Member,

I am requesting community project funding for Woodbine UAS Port from the Airport Improvement Program account in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Woodbine, located at 501 Washington Avenue, Woodbine, NJ, 08270.

This funding would be used to execute Phase One of a USDA funded development plan by constructing a hybrid terminal/office building that would be used to support the operation and testing of advanced aviation systems, including drones.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because regional federal facilities and airspace users need a modern facility with clear airspace to test and operate UAS and other advanced aviation technologies. Supporting these activities through the proposed project will unlock benefits and revenues for taxpayers. Woodbine Airport has been identified as optimal for these activities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq. which has been confirmed by the Regional FAA Office.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Van Drew".

Jeff Van Drew

Member of Congress