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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$12,000,000 for the CHA Taxiway Alpha Expansion Project in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority located at 1001 Airport Road Suite 14 Chattanooga, TN 37421. The funding would be used to extend the existing Taxiway Alpha by approximately 1,500 linear feet and construct two additional taxi lanes totaling roughly 1,000 linear feet. These improvements will unlock more than 30 acres of currently undeveloped land on the south side of the airport, enabling the expansion of aviation-related facilities such as hangars, corporate aviation infrastructure, maintenance operations, and other aeronautical uses. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps meet growing demand for both commercial and general aviation services in the Chattanooga region. This project is the airport's priority infrastructure project.

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,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress