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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Smyrna Airport (MQY) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Reconstruction and Relocation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority, located at 278 Doug Warpoole Road, Smyrna, TN 37167. The funding would be used to construct a new ATCT and ensure project components meet the United States Department of Transportation's national priority and goal of modernizing Air Traffic Control Towers across the country and enhance the safety, efficiency, and operations at Smyrna Airport as the airport continues to exponentially grow, especially as the Tennessee National Guard relocates their military helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft from Nashville International Airport to Smyrna Airport within the next 3 years. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing 73-year-old ATCT has outlived its useful life and is rapidly deteriorating. A new ATCT is vital for safe and efficient operations as Smyrna Airport meets growing demand with over 120,000 annual aircraft operations. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott DesJarlais".

Scott DesJarlais, M.D.  
Member of Congress