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Chair Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,875,000 to the Indianapolis Airport Authority (IND) for the Indianapolis International Airport Master Plan in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Indianapolis Airport Authority, located at 7800 Col. H. Weir Cook Memorial Drive Indianapolis, Indiana 46241.

The funding would be used for a comprehensive study which engages a multitude of users and stakeholders to ascertain a cost-effective and efficient means of satisfying aeronautical and non-aeronautical demand in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner over a 20-year planning period consistent with local, regional, and national aviation goals while ensuring equity and inclusion for all communities within Indianapolis and Central Indiana. IND's Airport Master Plan forms the basis for all future decisions and acts as a guide in the development of IND and its environs. A primary goal of IND's Airport Master Plan will be to provide the framework needed to coordinate airport improvements with local and regional planning to ensure equitable access through resilient and sustainable development.

Beyond being the guide for the development of IND, an approved Airport Master Plan is required to obtain FAA AIP Grant funds. A current Airport Master Plan avails IND to the appropriate level of funding needed to maintain IND's infrastructure as well as plan for and implement future improvements.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because transportation systems, in general, provide multiple benefits to local and regional communities, individuals and employers. These benefits include, but are not limited to, increased mobility for all individuals, reduced congestion and emissions, and economic growth. Investment in the IND Airport Master Plan will encourage economic development as well as provide greater opportunity for equity and inclusion for our community.

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress