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Chair Mark Amodei
Ranking Member Henry Cuellar
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Amodei and Ranking Member Cuellar,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 to the Indianapolis Airport Authority for an Emergency Response and Training Center project in fiscal year 2025.

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

The funding would be used to create an Emergency Response and Training Center at the Indianapolis Airport. This state-of-the-art center will serve as a regional and national hub, helping airports and communities in Indiana and across the nation better prepare and respond to emergency situations.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the center will help improve public safety. This innovative joint-use facility will combine fire and police training facilities and function as a strategic back-up Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) for the city of Indianapolis. The center is designed to bolster interagency coordination and communication and will provide crucial training and certification opportunities for first responders in Indianapolis, airport personnel, various agencies, and communities throughout the Midwest. Currently, there is no aircraft fire and rescue training facility in the entire state of Indiana, which requires aircraft rescue and firefighting personnel to travel out-of-state for training and certifications and this center would alleviate the travel burden, be a first in Indiana, and improve safety for the state and region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants, section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133).

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress

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