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May 23, 2025

Chair Tom Cole
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$15,500,000 to the Indianapolis Airport Authority for the Optimized Baggage Handling System project in fiscal year 2026.

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 install new Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandated Explosive Detection System (EDS) technology through upgrades to the existing terminal Baggage Handling System (BHS) at Indianapolis International Airport (IND). The EDS technology is a mandated technology for increased explosive detection technology.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the increased detection system provides greater safety to all the employees and traveling passengers. The upgraded BHS design and installation are paramount to the safe and efficient operation of the baggage system on the back end and the fully accessible ease of use on the front end. The upgrades will also be powered by terminal solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage project, contributing to the operations' emissions-free and resilient future.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100, the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

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

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress