June 14, 2021

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Rogers:

I am requesting $8,700,000 for Youngstown Air Reserve Station in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Air Force Reserve, located at 549 Pine Street, Robins AFB, GA 31098. The physical location of the project is located at Youngstown Air Reserve Station at 3976 King Graves Road, Vienna, OH 44473.

The funding would be used to widen the assault runway/taxiway at Youngstown Air Reserve Station in order to support C-17 and C-130 aircraft. Widening the assault runway will allow it to conform to a properly designed drainage/underdrainage layer, a non-frost susceptible subgrade, and an overrun/shoulder connecting to the airfield storm water system in accordance with EPA environmental requirements and Executive Orders prioritizing environmental sustainability. The runway currently has limited capabilities and is not in condition for the current or future missions. Without this project, the 910th Airlift Wing, the Department of Defense’s only large-area, fixed-wing aerial spray unit, and nearby Air Force bases in the region would be forced to travel long distances to be able to train on a landing zone capable of supporting C-17 and C-130 aircraft size. To keep the training available and within a reasonable distance, the current assault strip must be widened to support mission requirements.

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

Sincerely,

David P. Joyce
Member of Congress