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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sanpete County Regional Airport (41U) Runway Extension Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sanpete County Government, located at 160 North Main Street, Manti, Utah 84642.

Funding will be used to acquire land on the north and south ends of the existing runway at Sanpete County Regional Airport (41U) in Ephraim, Utah, to preserve the corridor needed for a future extension from 5,021 feet to 6,800 feet. All funds will cover land purchase, closing costs, title work, and related legal expenses. The current runway length limits aircraft performance under central Utah's high-density altitude conditions, which regularly reduce performance by 15-20% compared to sea level and directly affect safety. Rapid residential development is threatening these parcels, and once developed, the expansion corridor cannot be restored.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. §§ 47101–47175 — Airport Improvement Program — which authorizes federal funding for airport development activities including land acquisition for runway development and associated safety areas as defined under 49 U.S.C. § 47102 and authorized for federal assistance under 49 U.S.C. § 47104.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Burgess Owens", written over a light yellow rectangular background.

Burgess Owens
Member of Congress