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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Charwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Training Program. AMA, Amarillo, TX in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Amarillo located at 601 South Buchanan Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101. The funding would be used to bring the Amarillo International Airport's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Training program up to current FAA standards. Specifically, funds will be used to acquire a new fire simulator, including airplane prop, propane infrastructure, and construction of a control building with required communications and electric equipment. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would enable Amarillo International Airport to conduct Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) training on-site to appropriately prepare for an emergency fire situation. The new facility would enhance safety, and enable Amarillo International Airport to offer ARFF certification to other departments, benefiting the entire region, as well as private entities such as Bell Helicopter. Because of the new technology and updates, the project will enable training and certification without the use of diesel fuel, which other facilities in the region lack.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress