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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3311

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 2051

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Stormwater Improvements Northeast Drainage Outfall Project for the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority, located at 61 Terminal Drive, Suite 1, Fletcher, NC 28732.

The funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it is necessary for continued aviation development at AVL by creating a resilient and sustainable outfall that alleviates existing flooding issues in critical areas. It is needed so continued infrastructure growth can take place at AVL, an economic anchor organization vital to Western North Carolina's strength and stability. AVL has experienced unprecedented growth over the past several years. The recently completed Airport Master Plan update shows the necessary improvements and development on the airport owned property. This stormwater improvement project must be completed to move forward with much of this work and will support the following items identified in this master plan update: parking expansion, aeronautical development, new hangars, general aviation ramp/taxiway connectors, and a new maintenance facility.

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,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress