

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field Aerospace Workforce Incubator project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Town of Elizabethtown located at 805 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 700, Elizabethtown, NC 28337. The funding would be used to construct added space for flight training and maintenance.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the benefits of this project will help with the nationwide pilot shortage, as well as the workforce shortage impacting trade skills, especially in rural America. It will train future pilots and aircraft mechanics, assist transitioning military personnel, and educate Airport Management candidates. It will also produce a low-cost light sport training aircraft to help lower training costs. This project would add additional workforce for the local area, state, and country.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1).

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

Sincerely,

