



March 31, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer
United States House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

On behalf of our Government Relations Committee of the Greater Fayetteville Chamber, I am writing to support the request submitted by the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation for \$5 million of Congressional Community Project Funding for the Fayetteville Regional Airport (FAY) Ramp Reinforcement to Support International Terminal Operations.

To meet the growing needs of the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Flight Company, government contractors, and the traveling public, the Fayetteville Regional Airport is aggressively pursuing the construction of an 18,050 square-foot international arrival terminal. FAY is located next to the world's largest military installation by population, Fort Bragg (to be renamed Ft. Liberty as of June 2, 2023) and is consistently used as an alternative site for Pope Army Airfield. In this capacity, FAY regularly accommodates international travel via military and charter aircraft.

Additionally, FAY serves an important contingency role in times of maintenance, high volume, or emergency. For example, in 2021 the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) Aviation Element was based at FAY for nearly a year, while significant repairs were being made to Pope Army Airfield. This federal funding request to reinforce the ramp will improve our ability to support our military while also attracting new private-sector opportunities.

The Fayetteville Regional Airport is an economic engine in the region, having a \$800 million economic impact in the 11-county service area (NCDOT Aviation Division Report, 2021). Providing a point for international arrivals, in close proximity to the world's largest military base would be a significant new offering, providing a valuable service to military and civilian travelers. We respectfully request your support for this FY 2024 federal funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nat Robertson".

Nat Robertson
President & CEO