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April 4, 2023

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

Dear Congressman Rouzer,

On behalf of the Military Affairs Council 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.

At stake is the construction of an 18,050 square-foot international arrival terminal. This federal funding request will improve our ability to support our military and government contractors, while also attracting new private-sector opportunities. Providing a point for international arrivals next to the world's largest military base would be a significant new offering and provide a valuable service to military and civilian travelers alike.

Already FAY is consistently used as an alternative site for Pope Army Airfield, regularly accommodates international travel via military and charter aircraft, and serves as 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.

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). We are growing and respectfully request your support for this FY 2024 federal funding request.

Very truly yours,

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