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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing & Urban Development,
& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing & Urban Development,
& Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Quigley:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$10,000,000 for the Eastern Iowa Airport Aircraft Deicing Facility project as a community project funding request through the Department of Transportation, Airport Improvement Program account. The intended recipient is the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission, Eastern Iowa Airport, located at 2515 Arthur Collins Parkway SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

This funding would support the construction of a centralized deicing pad and containment facility for the Eastern Iowa Airport, a critical transportation hub for Iowans. This facility would significantly improve the efficiency of aircraft deicing operations at the airport, enhancing reliability for travelers and reducing the airport's environmental footprint. With this funding, the Eastern Iowa Airport would improve a paved deicing pad, drainage collection structures, discharge systems, and containment facilities. Notably, the project would dramatically reduce the environmental footprint of pavement required to contain aircraft deicing chemicals from 40 acres down to 8 acres. This will lower the amount of water sent to the City of Cedar Rapids' main water treatment facility from 36 million gallons to 7 million gallons annually.

Construction of this facility will ensure that this key air service hub can provide reliable service to its passengers, supporting continued economic growth in Cedar Rapids and the surrounding region. The airport has seen a significant increase in air cargo and commercial aviation. Reliable and efficient service, particularly during cold winters in Iowa, will be key to promote the efficient flow of passengers and cargo into Cedar Rapids.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY26 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,


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Committee on Appropriations