



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Extension of Runway 8 in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler County Airport Authority, located at 473 Airport Road, Suite 2, Butler, PA 16002.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would complete planning and construction extending approach end of Runway 8 to increase safety margins to accommodate jet operations of aircraft currently based at the airport. The Pittsburgh-Butler Regional (BTP) Airport is the only regional air transportation hub serving the north Pittsburgh region, and enables access to the eastern half of the United States. As part of the minimum operational network, it is equipped with ground-based instrument landing systems, which provides aircraft with precision vertical and horizontal navigation guidance during approach and landing, which is critical in times of GPS interference. The present runway is not long enough to enable aircraft currently based at the airport to land or takeoff when runway surface is covered with water, ice or snow which causes an increased runway length required to operate under those conditions. Additionally, high temperatures and humidity experienced during mid to late summer will frequently increase the required runway length by over 1,500 feet to a total length requirement of 6,300 feet vs. the current 4,800 feet available. Thereby creating a safety issue for both flight crews and passengers.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly
Member of Congress