



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0916

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SRQ Airport Taxiway Rehabilitation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority, located at 6000 Rick Piccolo Circle, Sarasota, Florida, 34243.

The funding would be used to replace and upgrade taxiway edge lighting, airfield signage, and associated electrical systems on Taxiway A to enhance visibility, operational reliability, and aircraft safety during nighttime and low-visibility conditions, an aviation infrastructure component of the airport airfield improvement project.

This project is an appropriate and responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it improves Safety and FAA Compliance, preserves critical infrastructure, supports operational continuity, enhances efficiency, and supports the national aviation system. SRQ has experienced significant growth in the past decade, tripling annual enplanements and reinforcing its role as a major economic driver in Southwest Florida, and this project ensures the airport's infrastructure keeps pace with that growth while maintaining the highest safety standards and operational efficiency.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress