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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Buffalo Niagara International Airport Baggage Handling Improvements project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, located at 181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. The funding would be used to upgrade baggage handling software and equipment at Buffalo Niagara International Airport, located at 4200 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York 14225.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing baggage handling equipment is nearing the end of its useful life, and upgrading it is critical to ensuring safe, reliable, and efficient airport operations. Buffalo Niagara International Airport is the third largest airport in New York State and one of the region's premier economic drivers, with an annual economic impact of \$1.7 billion, \$139 million in annual state and local tax contributions, and nearly 14,000 jobs supported. Investing in this infrastructure will maintain BNIA's standing as one of the most customer-friendly airports in the country, as recognized by its third-place ranking in JD Power & Associates 2025 Customer Satisfaction Rankings for medium-sized airports.

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

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress