

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3313**

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Replacement Runway 5L/23R and Taxiway B project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Raliegh-Durham Airport Authority, located at 1000 Trade Drive, PO Box 80001, RDU Airport, NC, 27623. The funding would be used to replace RDU's primary commercial runway and parallel taxiway (5L/23R and taxiway B). The existing pavement has exceeded its design life, and the relocated runway will allow for future terminal expansion.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing the current runway with a new, longer 5L/23R will allow direct air service to new domestic and international markets and allow more passengers and cargo to be carried on existing long-haul flights. Convenient access to domestic and international markets is key to the economic success of North Carolina and to the quality of life of millions of North Carolinians who use RDU as their home airport.

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,



Brad Knott  
Member of Congress.