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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Waycross Airport Industrial Park Rail Expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Waycross and Ware County Development Authority, located at 2855 Forest Drive, Waycross, GA 31503.

The funding would be used to expand the existing rail infrastructure in the Waycross and Ware County Airport Industrial Park. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the Development Authority and the communities of Waycross and Ware County gain a competitive advantage in the recruitment of industries which require rail service to the ports of Savannah, Brunswick, and Jacksonville, FL. Waycross and Ware County is a regional rail hub with the largest categorization facility in the CSX rail network. Waycross and Ware County is a Tier 1 community which would benefit from the recruitment of business and industry which will pay higher than the average wages currently found in the area. The diversity of the community, which is currently disparaged by current economic conditions, will benefit directly from this investment due to the increased demand from national and foreign companies choosing site with rail accessibility. The community is extremely competitive for recruitments due to its low tax rates on property and lower land values compared to their larger community counterparts.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Member of Congress