

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Secretary Chao,

I am writing to express my support for the Airport Improvement Program supplemental appropriation grant application as submitted by the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority District (EVAAD), located in rural southwest Indiana.

The FAA identified Evansville Regional Airport (EVV) as an airport that shall receive “priority consideration” for AIP Supplemental Funding. The current General Aviation ramp infrastructure at EVV is deteriorating and in dire need of restoration. In addition to EVV’s worsening ramp pavement and increasing presence of foreign object debris (FOD), the airport’s storm sewer network, portions of which date to the 1940s, is failing and is causing surface ponding and growing sinkhole development. The ongoing ramp improvement projects will continue to enhance airport safety to meet Federal Aviation Administration standards.

Provided that AIP funding is awarded, the EVAAD would be able to reconstruct and upgrade the airport’s West Ramp and its important airfield drainage system in an expeditious manner. Successful completion of this project would drastically improve airport safety and efficiency with projected cost savings of nearly \$1 million. Notably, complete reconstruction would prevent flooding and sinkhole development, preserve overall airport infrastructure, ensure unimpeded commercial operations, and increase FOD management. Ultimately, this project would continue to stimulate economic development while simultaneously supporting industrial competitiveness for this rural Indiana region.

I ask that you give this request full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, for the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport Authority District’s grant request. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator