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March 27, 2026

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
1306 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) Replacement project. The entity to receive funding is the El Dorado/Captain Jack Thomas Airport (KEQA), located at 1485 SE 30th Street, El Dorado, Kansas, 67042.

The funding would be utilized to replace the AWOS III P system at El Dorado/Captain Jack Thomas Airport (KEQA). This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve safety of flight for local general aviation pilots, aid emergency services and local fire departments in planning firefighting operations for structure and grass fire suppression efforts, allow local meteorologists to track and predict significant weather events in real time to warn the surrounding community, and enable local farmers to determine conditions for agricultural spraying to optimize product application and prevent contamination.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes described in 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,



Ron Estes
Member of Congress