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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
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H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Waco Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Study and Design Project for Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive this funding is the City of Waco, Texas, located at 300 Austin Avenue, Waco, TX 76702.

This \$5,000,000 request would enable Waco Regional Airport to complete a site selection study, environmental assessment, and preliminary design to begin the process of upgrading the existing Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at Waco Regional Airport (ACT). The Waco ATCT is approximately 76 years old, making it one of the oldest ATCT operated by the Federal Aviation Administration. The existing tower has little to no insulation, deficient sanitary facilities, contains significant asbestos building materials, does not have fire-rated walls, and lacks accessibility. Completing preliminary assessments, site selection, and design will enable the City to build a new tower to accommodate regional growth. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will support continued growth and facilitate increased air service to the quickly growing Central Texas region. The airport operates a Level 7 air traffic control facility, recently upgraded from a Level 5, and facilitates an estimated 93,000 aircraft operations annually.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq., as well as relevant FAA policy and guidance.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress