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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

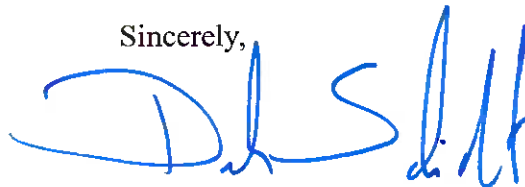
I am requesting funding for Forbes Field Security Fence. The entity to receive funding for the project is Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority located at 6510 SE Forbes Ave., Topeka, KS 66619.

The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will make replace the current perimeter security fence at Forbes Field, which, in addition to serving charter aircraft and general aviation, houses two military installations pursuant to joint use agreements: 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard; 108th Aviation Regiment of the Kansas Army National Guard. Few uses of taxpayer funds are more appropriate than making an airport safer and enhancing the secured environment within which our military partners carry out their duties in defense of the Nation.

The project has a federal nexus because it is for the same purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

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

Sincerely,



Derek Schmidt
Member of Congress