



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

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ALABAMA, 7TH DISTRICT

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bessemer Airport Drone Cage and Workforce Development Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bessemer Airport Authority located at 900 Mitchell Field Road, Bessemer, AL 35022. The funding would be used for a UAV cage and testing facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide pilot training, competitive activities and recreation for the local community, underserved students attending an anticipated, co-located high school, and providing economic and workforce development as well as job opportunities for the entire community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Terri A. Sewell  
Member of Congress