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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mankato Regional Airport Air Traffic Control Tower in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Mankato, located at 10 Civic Center Plaza Mankato, MN 56001. The funding would be used to design and construct an air traffic control tower at the Mankato Regional Airport.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Mankato Regional Airport has experienced significant growth since 2010 with 101 based aircraft and over 126,000 annual operations. The Mankato Regional Airport is also host to Minnesota State University-Mankato's aviation program. Given the increased volume of traffic at the airport and current shortages of aviation employees, funding is needed to ensure the airport's safety requirements and workforce needs are met.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,



Brad Finstad  
Member of Congress