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April 29, 2022

The Honorable Sam Graves
1135 Longworth HOB
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Dear Congressman Graves,

RE: Kirksville Regional Airport Terminal Expansion and Renovation

I have been made aware of the need to improve the facilities at the Kirksville Regional Airport. Since events of 9/11, airports all over the county have had to make changes, and for smaller airports like Kirksville, the changes have not been easily accomplished.

The Kirksville Regional Airport is an economic engine for our region serving all of northeast Missouri as a vital link for business, family, and tourism connections. It is a vital transportation link for an area absent of rail and interstate service.

As a federally supported essential air service airport, the need to safely screen passengers is important, and providing comfort and assurance to the passengers boarding these flights that the screening process in our Kirksville facility is as secure as that of the larger airports is equally important.

I understand that the City of Kirksville is seeking support for the expansion and renovation of this 50-year-old building to accommodate current and future screening equipment; and to improve the balance of the space to meet passenger needs.

I respectfully ask your consideration and support for this essential regional asset.

Sincerely,

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RE: Kirksville Regional Airport Terminal Expansion and Renovation

As a facility that was constructed more than 50 years ago, the Kirksville Regional Airport terminal facility was simply not designed to meet the security and screening requirements now demanded of such structures in the aftermath of 9/11. I am writing in support of the community's request for consideration for federal funding to help expand and renovate this key cog in the regional economic landscape providing business and recreational travel options for the entire northeast Missouri region. Additional space is critical for the airport's ability to house current and future screening technology and to adequately provide safe, comfortable service to passengers.

Few folks realize the travel restrictions faced by the region, which without the existing commercial services connecting Kirksville to other major airports, would be faced with drives of three hours or more to be able to board a flight. Like most rural Missourians, we truly appreciate what we have, and would hate to see the services such as Cape Air limited or discontinued due to constraints related to the terminal facility.

Please consider this project for the newly minted Community Project Funding, or any other available federal funding assistance that you might be able to help us secure to make these needed improvements.

Sincerely,

Chris Feeney,
Northeast Missouri RPC Transportation Planner



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Dear Congressman Graves:

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The Kirksville Regional Airport serves our entire area and is vital to business travelers and tourists alike. We are fortunate to be a federally supported essential air service airport. It makes air travel affordable, as evidenced by the number of passengers it serves each month.

Since events of 9/11, airports all over the county have had to make changes, and for smaller airports like Kirksville, the changes have not been easily accomplished. It's important to be able to screen passengers safely, just like the larger airports. Those types of improvements have taken priority, as well they must, but improvements can still be made. Providing for our traveler's comfort while they wait is also important and our current facility is barely adequate. In addition, the airport lobby is often the first impression visitors have of our community. Our building is dated and not as attractive and welcoming as it should be.

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Sandra G. Williams, Executive Director
Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce