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March 16, 2023

The Honorable Sam Graves  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Community Project Funding request – Reconstruct Runway 17-35 – Cameron Memorial Airport**

Dear Congressman Graves,

I write to express the City of Cameron's support for the request for \$5,220,000 of Community Project Funding for its program to reconstruct Runway 17-35 at Cameron Memorial Airport. This critical project will help address a looming problem for Cameron and the region.

Cameron Memorial Airport is an economic benefit for the City of Cameron by serving existing businesses, attracting new businesses to the area, connecting the local and regional economies to the State and national economies, and serving as a window to the city to thousands of visitors each year. The airport is home to 28 based aircraft, supports an average of 6,750 operations per year and is estimated to provide a regional economic impact of almost \$600,000 annually. The Airport serves the immediate four-county area of Clinton, DeKalb, Daviess, and Caldwell, along with many other nearby counties.

Runway 17-35 is the sole runway serving Cameron Memorial Airport. This runway is experiencing rapid deterioration. If this deterioration continues at its current rate, it could render Runway 17-35 unusable within the next 5-10 years. If the serviceability of this runway is imperiled, this effectively jeopardizes the serviceability of the entire airport.

With funding in place to properly administer our desired project to Reconstruct Runway 17-35, we would eliminate the present deterioration concerns and preserve the economic impact the airport has to the City of Cameron, Clinton, DeKalb, Daviess and Caldwell counties, along with many other nearby counties within the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri.

The City of Cameron strongly supports this project and urges you to prioritize it for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Rasmussen".

Stephen Rasmussen, City Manager  
City of Cameron

**ABSOLUTE CRANE LLC.**  
**P.O. Box 1592**  
**Platt City, MO 64079**

Dear Congressman Sam Graves,

I am writing to request your support in securing funding for the rebuilding of the KEZZ Runway in Cameron Missouri. As a business owner and hangar Tennant at KEZZ, I have witnessed firsthand the state of disrepair of the runway, and I am deeply concerned about the safety of the airport.

I don't have to tell a pilot and wingnut what a critical role in supporting local businesses and the regional economy these small airports provide. However, the current condition of the runway is a bit of a safety risk to pilots and passengers and planes. The runway issues are terminal and will have to be addressed sooner than later.

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance in securing funding to rebuild the KEZZ runway. This project will not only ensure the safety of those using the airport but also support economic growth in the surrounding communities.

Thank you for your consideration and for your dedication to improving our local infrastructure. I look forward to your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Chad Shoemaker  
Owner/ Absolute Crane LLC



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As a small business owner in Cameron for more than 20 years and fellow aviator, I share your concern for how important community airports are to their local economies. Cameron Memorial Airport is an economic benefit for the City of Cameron by serving existing businesses, attracting new businesses to the area, connecting the local and regional economies to the State and national economies, and serving as a window to the city to thousands of visitors each year.

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I strongly support this project and urge you to prioritize it for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett Ice, CFP®

Managing Principal/Financial Advisor

Ice Capital Management



April 22, 2022

The Honorable Sam Graves  
1135 Longworth House Office Building  
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RE: This letter is regarding community project funding request for the reconstruction of runway 17/35 at the Cameron Memorial Airport in Cameron, Missouri.

Dear Congressman Graves,

I am submitting this letter in support and for the request of funding for the community project for this program to reconstruct runway 17/35 at the Cameron Memorial Airport. I own and base 4 aircraft at the Cameron Memorial Airport (KEZZ). The aircraft that I operate are important to my profession as a commercial pilot and the airport provides a good location to operate these aircraft out of.

Cameron Memorial Airport has been a benefit for the community of Cameron providing the infrastructure for businesses in the Cameron area to operate the aircraft component of their business. We hope that new business would be attracted to the area with a good infrastructure plan dedicated to Cameron Memorial Airport. The Cameron Memorial Airport and its employees and services provide a vital access to the city and to thousands of visitors that arrive into the Cameron Memorial Airport every year.

Runway 17/35 is the only runway at the Cameron Memorial Airport. The runway is experiencing deterioration. If funds could be provided for reconstructing the runway, this would allow continued ongoing business with airport services for many years to come. With funding in place to administer the desired project to reconstruct runway 17/35, we could eliminate the present runway deterioration concerns and preserve the economic impact at the airport and the service that it provides to our region.

I strongly support the project to reconstruct runway 17/35 at the Cameron Memorial Airport and hope that you would prioritize this project and the funding required for the fiscal year 2023.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely, *John S. Barton, III, D.O., LTC, MC, SFS, USAF (ret.)*

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I personally did my pilot training at Cameron with the flight instructor who is also the airport manager. At this time, I believe several persons are training at this facility.

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I strongly support this project and urge you to prioritize it for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Sheri L Lyons

**AMERICAN FLIGHT TRAINING LLC.**  
**7931 NW BARWICK DR.**  
**CAMERON, MO 64429**

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Dear Congressman Graves,

I write to express my support for the request for \$5,220,000 of Community Project Funding for its program to reconstruct Runway 17-35 at Cameron Memorial Airport.

As well as being the airport manager I am also a flight instructor at the Cameron Memorial Airport and would like to give a little history and my opinion of the runway condition as I have experienced it throughout the years.

I have been flying off this runway since 2007 and have noticed waving and faulting down the runway (in addition to the distress cracking the Grant Application mentions). These conditions were not present until we experienced a couple of drought years, 2018 being the most notable, causing the ground to shift in ways it normally wouldn't.

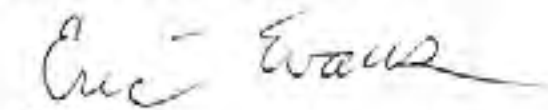
My students and I fly in and out of the airport at least 300 days out of the year and rely heavily on it to being safe and assessable. I have further notices that the waving and faulting tends to affect some aircraft more than others. For instance a Cessna 210 will sometimes feel like it wants to be pushed airborne prematurely taking off from runway 17 due to a ramping action (for lack of a better term) about the time of rotation whereas a Malibu Mirage or heavier aircraft will be farther down the runway. This condition is manageable but does tend to take a pilot off guard sometimes.

The faulting has progressively been getting worse as well. We have a few spots where there is at least an inch difference in height between concrete slabs and many more that are less but noticeable. Also there are many places where joint sealant and backer rod are completely missing allowing moisture below the slabs.

Our last pavement inspection was completed in December 2022 by Applied Pavement Technology, Inc. and we have yet to get the results but I would ask that once they are available we could submit their findings in support of this project.

I strongly support this project and urge you to prioritize it for Community Project Funding in Fiscal Year 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Eric Evans

  
Owner

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AIRPORT TENANT

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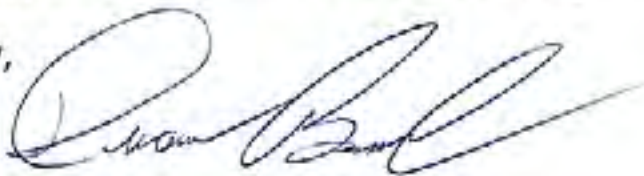
As an airport tenant and business owner I wish to express my support for the request for the 5 million funding grant to reconstruct runway 17-35 at Cameron Memorial Airport.

I am a current tenant at the airport and use airport for business and pleasure flying throughout the entire year and have noticed not only the minor blowouts that have happened but have also noticed buckling that has created a less than smooth takeoff at times. Knowing the cost of materials involved with a project like this I believe the airport should be replaced sooner than later.

As a farmer as well I know that the airport serves many local and not so local Ag. Operators that are vital to the local agricultural industry.

I fully support the airports decision to apply for this funding as I know the airports continued importance for the City of Cameron and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Bailey", written in a cursive style.