

April 30, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Secretary Chao,

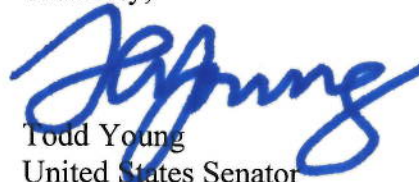
I am writing to express my support for the Airport Improvement Program supplemental appropriation grant application as submitted by the Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority.

The FAA identified Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA) as an airport that shall receive "priority consideration" for AIP Supplemental Funding. FWA serves Indiana's second largest community and is expanding service annually to better serve this vibrant Hoosier community. The airport is in the midst of an important apron improvement rehabilitation project to improve the efficiency and safety of airport operations. This three phase reconstruction process will update the east and west terminal aprons at FWA. The terminal apron reconfiguration will enhance operational flexibility and vastly improve safety at the facility. Furthermore, these funds will improve the airport's remote overnight parking capacity, which will allow for increased service for this important Hoosier community.

Notably, were this grant to be awarded, the airport could achieve economies of scale and reduce overall costs by completing the three phase project in an expeditious manner. Completion of this rehabilitation project will allow the airport to better serve the modern aircraft fleet and ensure FWA is able to efficiently and safely expand service to the Northeast Indiana region. Ultimately, the project would continue to stimulate economic development while simultaneously supporting industrial competitiveness for this vibrant Indiana region.

I ask that you give this request full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, for the Fort Wayne Allen County Airport Authority's grant request. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Todd Young
United States Senator