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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Bridgeport in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Airport Improvement Program account under the Department of Transportation. The entity to receive funding for the project is Igor I Sikorsky Memorial Airport ("Sikorsky Airport"), located at 1000 Great Meadow Road, Stratford, CT 06615.

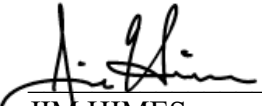
The City of Bridgeport is seeking \$2,187,628 for improvements to the fencing at Sikorsky Airport, as well as additional environmental studies and design work for future phases of the airport redevelopment.

This investment will result in significant economic benefits in Bridgeport and surrounding communities. Environmental review and planning funding will support the long-term goal of returning commercial service to the airport after years of serving as a general aviation airport. If commercial service were to return to Sikorsky Airport, that would provide for tremendous economic growth in the area, as well as increase air travel options for my constituents in southwest Connecticut. In the short term, improvements to the fence will also provide very real site safety and security enhancements for Sikorsky Airport as well. Both the security fence improvements and environment and design planning are needed for future efforts to return commercial service to the airport.

This project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will help increase the overall safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System. In addition, restoring commercial service to Sikorsky Airport would have profound long-term economic growth impacts on the area. Sikorsky Airport is also on the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems and is therefore eligible for Airport Improvement Program funding.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JIM HIMES
Member of Congress