The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I request funding for the Scholes International Airfield Drainage Improvements Project in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Scholes International Airport (City of Galveston), located at 2115 Terminal Drive, Galveston, Texas 77554.

This request aims to enhance safety and capacity by reducing the impact of flooding events and maintenance costs associated with Taxiways A, B, C, and Runway 14/32. During storm events, the airfield is prone to flooding, particularly on the south side. This flooding makes Taxiways A, B, C, and the approach end of Runway 32 unusable due to being submerged underwater, forcing us to close these taxiways and our primary runway 14/32.

Once the water recedes, it takes significant staffing to clean the pavement before opening up the taxiways and Runway 14/32 to aircraft operations. This water also damages taxiway and runway signage, light fixtures, and wiring, increasing maintenance costs to the airport.

The draft 2022 Airport Master Plan lists this project in the Short-Term Projects list. This project addresses these drainage issues, providing corrective measures, including improvements to existing pipes, installing additional piping and inlets, and grading.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

RANDY K. WEBER  
Member of Congress