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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the San Angelo Regional Airport (SJT) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) reconstruction project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the San Angelo Regional Airport located at 8618 Terminal Circle, San Angelo, TX 76904. The funding would be used to reconstruct the ATCT that was built in 1952. Numerous infrastructure, security & equipment issues exist causing frequent safety & operational impacts to air traffic and airport operations. It does not meet Building or Fire/Life Safety, ADA/ABA or energy efficient requirements and the ATCT is beyond its useful lifecycle. This project includes the design and construction of a new 80ft ATCT and Base Building and the replacement of all ATC equipment to meet FAA, ADA/ABA, energy efficiency and emission reduction requirements at an airport projected to have 62% enplanement growth (TAF 2020-2045).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the ATCT is the lifeline to our airport. San Angelo is fortunate to have an facility that allows for several critical support aircraft such as, medical life flight, military operations, National Guard, and Customs and Border Protection border surveillance support. The tower also supports other community travel through airlines, business, and general aviation operations. The ATCT is a critical safety component to the Angelo State University's flight training program that is essential to helping solve the nationwide pilot shortage. This project will improve airfield safety by meeting current tower line of sight requirements, mitigating controller solar impacts (glare), maximizing visibility of all runways & taxiways and upgrading ATC equipment to increase the reliability of critical ATC services. As a result, the new ATCT will support the airport's future growth and enhance the efficiency of Air Traffic & Airport operations for another 70 years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Airport Improvement Program (49 U.S.C. 47100); SJT is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "August Pfluger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

August Pfluger
Member of Congress