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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1026 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2023 community project funding for the King Airport Safety Drainage project in the Virgin Islands.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Port Authority, located at 8074 Lindbergh Bay, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is the Cyril E. King Airport, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding would be used by the Virgin Islands Port Authority to design and construct a concrete lining for the drainage gut to ensure that the airport remains in compliance with FAA requirements and to improve the safety of operating on the airfield.

This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because the current, unlined airfield drainage gut at King Airport promotes the growth of vegetation and habitation of wildlife, which presents safety concerns for commercial aviation activities on the airfield. The Virgin Islands Port Authority spends significant funds to maintain this area to ensure these safety issues are kept at bay and to allow for aviation activities to continue uninterrupted. The design and construction of a concrete lining for the drainage gut would ensure that the airport remains in compliance with FAA requirements and would improve the safety of operating on the airfield.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey E. Plaskett".

Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress

