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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

March 26, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Modernization of Aviation and Safety Training Infrastructure project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Florida Memorial University, located at 15800 NW 42nd Avenue Miami Gardens, FL 33054.

The funding would be used to procure and install advanced aviation training simulators, drone/UAS systems, aviation management software, and classroom technology necessary to meet FAA standards. These investments will allow Florida Memorial University to develop the workforce to meet the growing federal workforce shortage especially in air traffic control, aviation operations, unmanned aircraft systems, and aviation management.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help the development of the aviation workforce directly addressing the ongoing shortages. This investment will include equipment investments to develop the workforce such as:

1. ATC Training Simulator to meet FAA's ATC Enhance Program standards;
2. Flight Education Simulation Equipment to provide creditable flight hours;
3. UAS training fleet to expand the UAS/CUAS workforce; and
4. Aviation Management Training Software.

These equipment and software investments in conjunction with the facility development will allow Florida Memorial University to continue build the Aviation workforce of tomorrow.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson

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Member of Congress