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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

July 8, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Coos County Airport District's (CCAD) application for the RAISE grant program.

The CCAD is requesting a grant award in the amount of \$6,000,000 to be matched by \$3,000,000 in FAA funds, and \$2,000,000 in secured local funding. The project will strengthen the Southwest Oregon Regional Airport's responsiveness to commercial needs of the region by constructing a new cargo and seafood transfer facility and expanding supporting infrastructure.

This project, in an economically depressed and rural part of southwest Oregon, will create and sustain significant, long-term economic growth for Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties. The project is estimated to create 75 construction jobs and attract and sustain 200 new regional FTE's.

The CCAD is a key economic generator for the region and has been creating and sustaining jobs for nearly every industry from tourism to cargo. The CCAD is home to a diverse tenant group that includes the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Coast Guard, the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Human Services, Coos County Corrections, UPS, FedEx, and 33 other businesses, governments and commercial tenants.

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress

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