

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing to express our support for the application submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) by the Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport on behalf of its Runway 15/33 Reconstruction and Extension, and the construction of a parallel “super-taxiway” to serve as a temporary runway during the reconstruction of the primary runway. Thank you for your consideration.

As you are likely aware, the last decade has seen a rapid growth and expansion of energy development in western North Dakota, resulting in greater and more frequent commercial, business, and private aircraft to the region. This significant additional aviation activity at the Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport in Dickinson, North Dakota has resulted in the need for increased operational capacity – a need which the airport has proposed to meet by lengthening and reconstructing the existing Runway 14-32. Additionally, in order to mitigate impacts to ongoing aviation operations, the airport has proposed to construct a parallel taxiway to be used as an alternate runway while the primary runway is under construction.

Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (Public Law 116-6), the Grants-In-Aid for Airports, also known as the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), was appropriated an additional \$500 million in supplemental discretionary funding as a down payment towards addressing our nation’s infrastructure needs. This program provides priority consideration for projects at: 1) non-primary airports that are classified as Regional, Local, or Basic airports and not located within a Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget; or 2) primary airports that are classified as Small or Non-hub airports. Taking into consideration the aforementioned criteria, we believe that the runway reconstruction and extension project at Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport would be an ideal candidate for funding under this program.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration. Thank you, again, for your time and attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact our offices with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



JOHN HOEVEN  
U.S. Senator



KEVIN CRAMER  
U.S. Senator



KELLY ARMSTRONG  
U.S. Congressman