

# United States Senate

June 28, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chairman  
Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

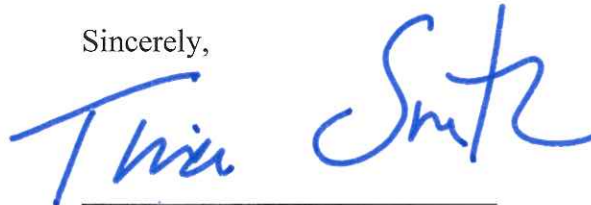
The Honorable Chris Murphy  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Murphy, and Ranking Member Capito,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Subcommittee on Homeland Security, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Sincerely,



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Tina Smith  
United States Senator

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June 11, 2021

Mitch Kilian  
Associate Vice President, Government Affairs  
Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)  
6040 28th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Subject: Support for MAC Request for FEMA Grant Funds

Dear Vice President Kilian:

I write on behalf of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEM) of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. HSEM is Minnesota's designated State Administrative Agency (SSA) under the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

HSEM supports the construction of the Public Safety and Security Building (PSSB) at the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. The PSSB will include an Emergency Operations Center that will substantially enhance the MAC's ability to respond to an array of homeland security and other exigent events. Improving the resiliency and security of Minnesota's only large hub airport is a priority for both the MAC and HSEM.

We believe the emergency operations facilities within the PSSB will meet the past published eligibility requirements set by FEMA when awarding grants under the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program. HSEM notes that the requested grant funds will contribute to the construction of the facility at MSP as required, and that MAC has committed that it has financial resources to meet and exceed the local matching fund requirements under FEMA's rules.

On that basis, HSEM supports the MAC's request for congressional directed spending from the FEMA Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Joe Kelly, Director – MN Homeland Security and Emergency Management