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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington. DC 20515—5200

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The Honorable Steve Womack Chair Subcommittee on THUD & Related Agencies 2358-A Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn Ranking Member Subcommittee on THUD & Related Agencies 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn,

As you write the FY2026 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, please include funding for American Samoa Port Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

The Governor of American Samoa is requesting for \$5,000,000 for this project. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pago Pago International Airport (PPG), located at 639 Airport Road, Pago Pago, American Samoa, 96799.

The modernization of American Samoa's primary international airport terminal is a vital infrastructure initiative to upgrade its outdated facilities, which serve as the main hub for commerce, tourism, and goods transport. The current state of the terminal is in disrepair due to aging infrastructure, severe weather, and damage due to declared disasters. The project aims to enhance operational efficiency, increase capacity, and meet modern aviation standards through comprehensive upgrades, including advanced technology, improved infrastructure, and sustainable design. These improvements are essential to support economic growth, ensure safety, and accommodate rising travel and trade demands in American Samoa.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Thank you for your consideration of this project and your leadership on the Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen Member of Congress