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The Honorable Dan Elwell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Elwell ,

I write in support of the application submitted by Tompkins County for funding from the Airport Improvement Program through the Federal Aviation Administration. This funding will be used to support the revitalization of the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ITH).

Tompkins County is the home of Cornell University, which has a significant foreign student population and faculty members involved in research all over the globe. Cornell is growing in its global presence through the Tech Center in New York City and ties to universities throughout the world. ITH's terminal was constructed more than 25 years ago and can no longer support the needs of the growing international economy. Modernizing Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport will enable the region to keep up with the growing demand of commuters in the County.

The requested funding will be used to complement ITH's \$14.2 million New York State grant to expand and modernize the air terminal and construct a customs federal inspection station. This funding will enable the airport project to move forward towards completion in the next year. This project will provide Ithaca area passengers the opportunity to fly to destinations with only one stop between ITH and their destination, as well as expand travel options to regions across the world, all of which will improve the region's economy and quality of life.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Dominic Sanchez, at (202)-224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator