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The Honorable Representative Dr. Greg Murphy

Dear Representative Murphy,

I am writing to express my strong support for federal funding assistance for infrastructure improvements at the Clinton-Sampson County Airport. This project, which includes the construction of a six-unit box T-hangar and associated site and utility upgrades, represents a critical investment in the future of our community and the surrounding region.

The Clinton-Sampson County Airport is a valuable asset for Sampson County and eastern North Carolina. It supports a wide range of activities, including business travel, agricultural operations, and emergency response services. However, the airport is currently limited by a lack of available hangar space and supporting infrastructure. This project directly addresses those needs by expanding capacity, improving safety, and ensuring the airport can continue to serve as a reliable and functional transportation resource.

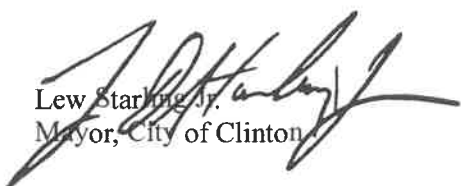
The addition of new hangar space will allow the airport to accommodate more based aircraft, attract new users, and support economic growth throughout the region. Improvements to drainage, utilities, fire protection, and site conditions will further enhance the airport's safety and long-term sustainability. These are practical upgrades that build on an existing asset and position it for continued use and growth.

Federal support is essential to making this project possible. As a rural community, local resources are limited, and partnership at the federal level will allow us to move forward with improvements that deliver clear public benefit. This investment aligns with broader goals of strengthening rural infrastructure, improving transportation access, and supporting economic development in underserved areas.

I respectfully urge your support for this funding request. This project is a responsible and forward-looking investment that will provide lasting value to our community, Sampson County, and North Carolina's Third Congressional District.

Thank you for your time and consideration. As always, I will be happy to discuss this matter at any time. My personal cell number is (910) 990-3654.

Sincerely,



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