

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Stillwater Regional Airport's application to the Airport Terminal Program (ATP). The project would construct a new airport terminal facility that would prepare for future airline service and improve passenger accessibility and safety.

Stillwater Regional Airport is one of only four airports in Oklahoma to offer scheduled commercial passenger air service and also operates as one of the busiest. The airport additionally offers general aviation services and is home to Oklahoma State University's Ray and Linda Booker Flight Center. Although slowed during the pandemic, passenger numbers have recovered and, in 2022, 28,867 passengers departed out of Stillwater through commercial flight which saw a 71% average load factor.

The current terminal building is many decades old and is insufficient to sustain current and projected operations. We support Stillwater Regional Airport's efforts to construct a new airport terminal and improve the passenger experience and safety of all who use the airport. Investing federal and local dollars will ensure that Stillwater can better serve the travelling public and prepare for anticipated growth in the years to come.

Thank you in advance for your strong consideration of the Stillwater Regional Airport's application to the Airport Terminal Program (ATP). Please feel free to contact our offices should you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



James Lankford
United States Senator



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United States Senator