

February 9, 2025

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Building 531 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley,

On behalf of AirLink Critical Care Transport, I am writing to advocate for the City of Klamath Falls' funding request for the reconstruction of Taxiway F at the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport (LMT). This project is critical to enhancing the safety, efficiency, and capacity of the airport. The airport serves as a critical hub for emergency medical transport, ensuring that critically ill or injured patients receive timely access to life-saving care.

The proposed project includes a comprehensive rehabilitation of the existing pavement, the installation of sustainable energy-efficient lighting systems, updated signage for improved navigation and safety, and enhanced drainage systems to prevent water accumulation and damage. These improvements are vital to ensuring the safe and efficient movement of our aircraft, which are often called upon to respond to emergencies that require immediate attention.

Upon completion, this project will significantly improve access for emergency medical flights and ground vehicles, ensuring that patients are transported quickly and safely to receive the urgent care they need. The improved infrastructure will also enhance the operational efficiency between civilian and military operations.

We urge you to support this essential project. It will significantly enhance the infrastructure and operational capabilities of Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport, and ultimately benefit the health and safety of our Southern Oregon Community by improving critical care transport services.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deidre Heinrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deidre Heinrich  
Program Director  
AirLink Critical Care Transport



February 11, 2025

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Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Klamath Falls' funding request for the reconstruction of Taxiway F at Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport (LMT). This project is critical not only for enhancing safety and efficiency but also for strengthening the airport's role as a key component of economic growth in our region.

As home to the Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing, LMT plays a vital role in military operations and pilot training. At the same time, it serves as a crucial hub for business, emergency services, and general aviation in Southern Oregon. The proposed rehabilitation of Taxiway F—including pavement reconstruction, upgraded energy-efficient lighting, improved signage for safer navigation, and enhanced drainage—will ensure the airport remains a reliable asset for both military and civilian operations.

Beyond safety and operational efficiency, these improvements will also support economic development. A well-maintained, modern airport is essential for attracting business investment, expanding regional transportation opportunities, and ensuring first responders, including emergency firefighting and medical services, have uninterrupted access when it matters most. With growing interest in our region as a destination for business, maintaining LMT's infrastructure is a critical component of our long-term economic success.

I urge your support for this important project, which will enhance infrastructure, improve operational capabilities, and contribute to the economic vitality of Klamath Falls and the surrounding region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Harter  
Executive Director

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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The proposed project involves a comprehensive rehabilitation of the existing pavement, the installation of new energy-efficient lighting systems, updated signage for better navigation and safety, and the enhancement of drainage systems to prevent water accumulation and damage. These improvements are essential to ensure the safe and efficient movement of aircraft on Taxiway F, which is one of the primary taxiways on the airfield and has experienced significant deterioration.

Once completed, the project will also better accommodate first responder airport traffic, including emergency firefighting and medical response vehicles, while maintaining operational efficiency between the civilian and military portions of the airport.

We urge you to support this vital project, which will significantly enhance the infrastructure and operational capabilities of Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport. This will directly benefit the safety and efficiency of the U.S. Forest Service and that of our partners in our Fire & Aviation operations taking place at the Fremont-Winema National Forest Airtanker Base.

Thank you for your consideration.



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# KCEDA

Klamath County Economic Development Association

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley,

On behalf of the Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA), I am writing to express our organization's strong support to the City of Klamath Falls' funding request for the reconstruction of Taxiway F at the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport (LMT). This project is critical to enhancing the safety, efficiency, and capacity of the airport, which serves both civilian and military purposes, including the Air National Guard's 173<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing.

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We urge you to support this vital project, which will significantly enhance the infrastructure and operational capabilities of Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport, benefiting the entire Southern Oregon Community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or thoughts you wish to discuss further related to this endeavor.

Sincerely,



**Randy Cox**  
CEO, KCEDA