

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 1, 2023

Michael Whitaker
Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

RE: Wilmington International Airport (LIM) Airport Terminal Program (ATP)
Applicant: New Hanover County Airport Authority
UEI: WE9GK2JZRSN5

Dear Administrator Whitaker:

We write on behalf of Wilmington International Airport's (ILM) Airport Terminal Program (ATP) application for \$7,794,558. It is our understanding that the funding will allow ILM to improve the airport's front terminal, curb loop road, and canopies.

ILM is an economic engine for North Carolina's southeastern region. According to a recent study by the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation, ILM generates roughly \$2.5 billion in annual economic impact. In the last two years, ILM had record passenger numbers and passenger enplanements increased by 25%. Based on seat capacity, from January through September of this year, ILM is one of the fastest-growing airports in the country.

We have been told that ILM's aging terminal infrastructure is no longer able to meet current passenger demands and safety needs. The roadway portion of the project will realign and expand the terminal curb front to improve passenger loading/unloading, pedestrian accessibility, and ADA compliance. The project will also add canopies to protect travelers from weather and improve safety by separating passenger and commercial curb fronts.

Thank you for giving ILM's ATP application your fair and prompt consideration. Please contact our offices if you have any questions or require any additional information. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely



Thom Tillis
US Senator



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US Senator