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Chairman Kirk Schuring  
Senate Building  
1 Capitol Square  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Schuring,

As Executive Director of the Western Reserve Port Authority, which operates the Youngstown Warren Regional Airport (YNG), I am writing in support of the State Air Service Development Fund and believe this amendment to the state budget would be very beneficial to our airport and others around the state.

These Air Service Development Funds will be used to help attract and promote air service for the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport. We recently attended the Volaire Air Development Conference that connected small commercial carriers with mid-sized markets such as ours. These funds can help offset disadvantaged airports attract new carriers, numerous of which expressed interest in establishing service at YNG. It is critical to YNG to maintain its Commercial Air designation that allows us to utilize valuable federal dollars to maintain the airport. YNG, of course, is the home to the Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS) and its over 1,500 employees. The wraparound effect these grant dollars have in sustaining these assets is a high priority for our valley leaders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (234) 228-9696 or email me at [jmoliterno@westernreserveportauthority.com](mailto:jmoliterno@westernreserveportauthority.com).

Sincerely,



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