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The Honorable Michael P. Huerta
Acting Administrator
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RE: Juneau International Airport's (JNU) Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System

Dear Administrator Huerta,

I am writing to urge your consideration to classify Juneau International Airport's (JNU) Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System project ("26 MALSR") a priority on its Needs Assessment Program (NAP) and consider completing this project with unused fiscal year 2012 FAA funds.

I understand the numerous requests for access to the same federal funds, but the Alaskan delegation has worked to fund the initial \$1 million for the project (facilities and equipment funding in the Transportation/HUD Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010), and to let this project idle without completion would be devastating for both the state of Alaska and the FAA. At the time of the 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, it was understood that the \$1 million could not cover the cost of the entire project but that the funds would be spent on the design of 26 MALSR at full implementation, though only a portion of the design would be implemented, and that FAA would install a reduced length approach lighting system. An estimated additional \$2 million is still required to complete this important shovel-ready safety project.

Juneau, Alaska's state capitol, is inaccessible by roads, and its airport is a critical lifeline. Once fully completed, this project is expected to improve safety at JNU Airport by lowering the minimums on the approach into Juneau, thus helping pilots to visually acquire the runway and resulting in fewer diversions, cancellations and the overall safety of the approach. Please review this request consistent with all relevant rules, laws and regulations.

Please contact Warren Wright in my office at (202) 224-6139 with any questions, and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator
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