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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dave Min  
United States House of Representatives  
1034 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
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**RE: Request for Support for Community Project Funding – County of Orange John Wayne Airport Generation and Distribution Upgrades Project**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Representative Min:

On behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I write to request your support for the County of Orange's community project funding request of \$5 million for the John Wayne Airport Generation and Distribution Upgrades project. The proposed project would improve electrical infrastructure throughout the airport's property.

The award-winning John Wayne Airport has been a major cornerstone of Orange County for more than 100 years. Today, the airport serves more than 11.7 million passengers annually, with flights to more than 40 non-stop destinations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico. John Wayne Airport, which is owned and operated by the County of Orange, is the only commercial airport in Orange County.

The proposed electrical infrastructure upgrades would significantly improve the airport's operational reliability and resilience by replacing existing engine-generator cogeneration units and plant control systems with modern technologies. The upgrades will ensure that critical airport systems continue to function during utility disruptions or emergencies, supporting passenger safety and maintaining operational continuity.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

Doug Chaffee  
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Supervisor, Orange County Fourth District