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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States House of Representatives  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: Support for the City of Palm Springs Airport Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project**

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, and Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Palm Desert, I respectfully request your support for community project funding for the Palm Springs International Airport (PSP) Inline Baggage Handling System and Terminal Expansion Project.

This critical project will construct a new 10,000-square-foot facility to modernize and streamline baggage handling at PSP. The project includes the installation of an advanced inline baggage screening system capable of processing up to 652 bags per hour, significantly improving efficiency and throughput. The upgrades will connect existing ticket counters directly to the new system and will incorporate dedicated operational areas for oversized baggage and TSA level two inspections. In addition, the project will establish new IT infrastructure, power supply systems, and control rooms necessary to operate the enhanced facility. The system will utilize industry-standard belted conveyors to transport, process, and sort all outbound baggage, ensuring reliable and efficient service.

These improvements are essential to enhancing the airport's operational capacity, reducing delays, and elevating the overall passenger experience. With environmental clearance already complete, the project is shovel-ready and can begin construction immediately upon securing the necessary funding.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to supporting our region.

Sincerely,

Jan C. Harnik  
Mayor, City of Palm Desert