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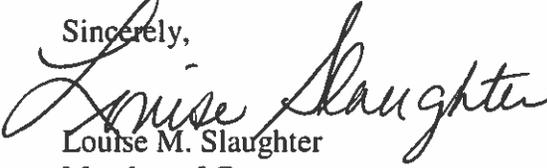
Dear Commissioner Driscoll,

I am writing to express my support for the Greater Rochester International Airport's proposal to the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition. If selected, this meaningful investment will strongly position the region to take advantage of Rochester's economic resurgence as a modern hub for the flow of goods and people.

Rochester is home to an historic industrial legacy and world class workforce that provided the foundation for the transformative change it is currently experiencing. As you may be aware, Rochester was designated last year as the headquarters for the \$600 million federal American Institute for Manufacturing Integrated Photonics (AIM Photonics). Through support from the Department of Defense, AIM Photonics will bring together experts from business, academia, and government who will work together on solving common challenges in photonics manufacturing. As AIM Photonics ramps up, scientists, engineers, managers, and government officials will increase demand at ROC Airport and further necessitate the need for modern improvements.

The ROC Airport consistently serves as an economic engine for the region by sustaining 10,000 jobs, generating \$295 million in income, and adding more than \$800 million to the local economy annually. I am pleased that ROC Airport's plan for improvements focuses on increasing efficiency and growing their economic footprint.

I am proud to support the Greater Rochester International Airport's application and encourage your full and fair consideration of their proposal.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress