

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chair
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen,

As the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee prepares to consider the next surface transportation reauthorization, we write to express our strong support for maintaining robust federal investment in public transportation through the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). Stable funding is essential to ensure that transit systems can safely, reliably, and efficiently serve the millions of Americans who depend on them every day.

Federal transit programs form the backbone of communities of all sizes, connecting people to jobs, education, and opportunity. By reducing the number of vehicles on the road, transit keeps highways clear for interstate commerce and freight movement. As Congress considers the next surface transportation reauthorization, we urge you to preserve and strengthen the dedicated resources that keep these systems in a state of good repair. A critical component of this investment is the Section 5337-State of Good Repair program, which enables safe, reliable transit travel by funding rehabilitation and replacement of aging rail and bus infrastructure.

In addition to the HTF allocated formula funding for Section 5337-State of Good Repair, the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) provided \$950 million from the “Division J - Advance Appropriation” for Section 5337-State of Good Repair. As Congress reauthorizes IIJA and makes key decisions on funding going forward, we urge you to continue to provide an additional \$950 million annually for the Section 5337-State of Good Repair program because it directly addresses one of the most pressing challenges facing the nation’s transit systems: aging infrastructure. Much of the rail, guideway, and bus infrastructure that millions of Americans rely on every day was built decades ago and requires significant rehabilitation or replacement to remain safe and reliable. The additional funding provided under the IIJA has allowed transit agencies to accelerate the replacement of worn track, signals, power systems, railcars, and other critical assets that, if left unaddressed, can lead to service disruptions, safety risks, and higher long-term costs.

We respectfully urge you to maintain the IJJA's commitment to robust, dedicated, and predictable federal transit funding, including by integrating IJJA's \$950 million annual Section 5337 advance appropriation into the core HTF Section 5337 formula baseline. Sustaining this investment is not only a matter of preserving infrastructure, but also a commitment to safety, reliability, accessibility, and economic vitality for the communities we serve.

Sincerely,



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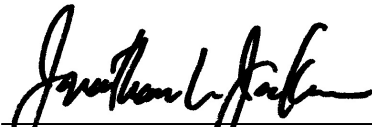
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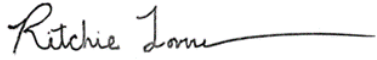
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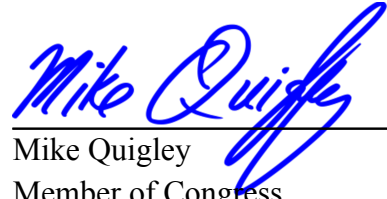
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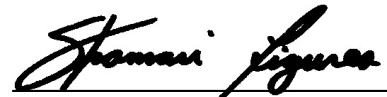
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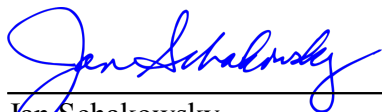
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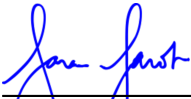
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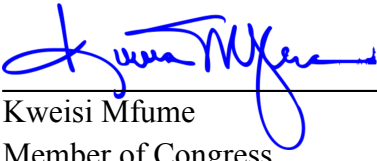
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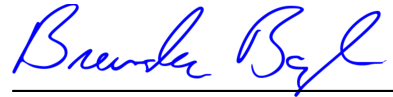
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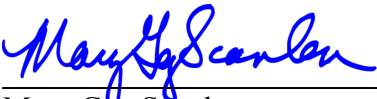
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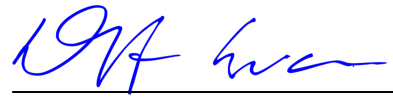
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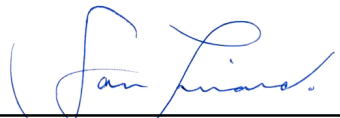
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