

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy:

As you consider additional COVID-19 relief legislation, we would urge you to consider an additional \$36 billion in assistance to public transit agencies across the country, using the FTA's statutory formulas for urban public transit (Section 5307), State of Good Repair Grants (Section 5337), rural and tribal public transit (Section 5311) and specialized transportation for our nation's vulnerable elders and individuals with disabilities (Section 5310). These funds will help offset the extraordinary direct costs and revenue losses that we continue to experience as a result of the pandemic, and help us continue to avoid layoffs of our critical workforce.

We are all deeply indebted to Congress for providing us assistance through the CARES Act. It has saved jobs and allowed us to safeguard our riders and our workforce. However, public transit agencies of every size across the country continue to be devastated by the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, both in loss of ridership and loss of sales tax revenues. We are in dire need of additional funding to continue serving riders who rely on public transit to conduct essential business, access vital services, and play an indispensable role in America's social and economic recovery from COVID-19.

As Congress prepares another round of necessary supplemental appropriations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are urging you to include \$36 billion in supplemental funding to transit agencies operating in communities of all sizes using the exact same distribution method as the CARES Act. Using existing FTA funding formulas will assure that transit systems across the country continue to move quickly to get us all through the worst of this pandemic equitably and sustainably.

Without this funding, public transit agencies may be required to drastically curtail service and delay critical capital projects, impacting the freedom of mobility for individuals with disabilities; public transportation for health care workers, law enforcement, first responders, and other safety personnel; and Medicaid recipients who receive medical transportation for kidney dialysis, cancer treatments, and other critical care.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if we can provide additional information on how the pandemic continues to impact our operations.

Sincerely,

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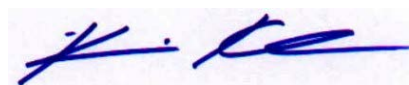
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