



The Honorable Congresswoman Houlahan
709 E. Gay Street
West Chester, PA 19380

September 25, 2020

RE: Transit Relief Funding

Dear Congresswoman Houlahan,

On behalf of the United Safety and Survivability Corporation (USSC), which is located in Chester County in Exton, PA, I write to ask for your support of **desperately needed transit relief act funding.**

We understand that House Democratic Leaders indicated that the House of Representatives may consider a new, approximately \$2.4 trillion COVID-19 bill next week. I am urging Congresswoman Houlahan to contact Leadership today and urge them to include **\$32 billion of emergency transit funding** in the new COVID-19 bill.

Although the \$25 billion of CARES Act funding has served as a lifeline for public transit, more than 93 percent of these funds are obligated. **If Congress does not provide \$32 billion of additional COVID-19 emergency transit funding, more than 6 in 10 public transit agencies will have to cut transit service or furlough staff.** Eight in 10 large agencies are also considering delaying, deferring, or cancelling capital projects to close their budget gaps. Similarly, nearly one-half of transit businesses expect to be forced to lay off employees without additional emergency funding. In addition, one-third of transit businesses are concerned that they may go out of business due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Absent this support, our manufacturing base in Exton will most certainly be impacted with a reduction in workforce as will manufacturing firms across the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you again for your support on this important legislation. Don't hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond Melleady".

Raymond Melleady
Executive Vice President