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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
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and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for CapMetro's Electric Chargers and Charging Infrastructure for the Transition to a Zero-Emissions Public Transportation Fleet in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (CapMetro), located at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

The funding would be used to design, build, and install necessary electrification infrastructure in the CapMetro service area, providing the charging infrastructure needed to accommodate additional electric battery buses and their deployment into services throughout the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow CapMetro to provide the infrastructure needed to accommodate additional battery electric buses at bus yards and within the service area. By providing additional electric chargers and charging infrastructure, CapMetro can ensure that the benefits of electric vehicles are not limited to one area of town. This request will promote resiliency of CapMetro's battery electric bus fleet while reducing emissions, improving air quality, helping to meet the region's sustainability goals, and offsetting thousands of metric tons of carbon dioxide.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett