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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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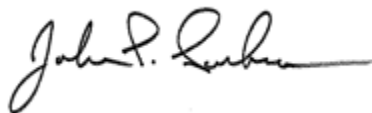
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$750,000 in funding for the Route 29 Bus Stations for Extending Flash Service Between Columbia & Burtonsville in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Howard County Office of Transportation, located at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. This project would support the construction of 5-6 bus stations and accompanying Transit Signal Priority systems, extending bus service along Route 29 through a partnership with Montgomery County, MD and its FLASH Bus System. The constructed facilities would serve Maple Lawn, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and Downtown Columbia. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would connect major residential and commercial clusters in Downtown Columbia, Maple Lawn, the White Oak Science Center and Silver Spring as well as leverage connections to WMATA and the Purple Line.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 53. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress