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Ms. Therese W. McMillan  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Acting Administrator McMillan:

I am writing to express my support for the proposal submitted to the Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program by the City of Baltimore. This grant funding will enable improvements to be made to the Baltimore Charm City Circulator's Harbor Connector and Water Taxi ferry services.

The City will use grant funding to make significant improvements to the docking stations and to build the ferry fleet for future expansions of water transit service. The Inner Harbor is a thriving area of Baltimore that attracts more than 14 million visitors per year and is home to numerous retail establishments, entertainment venues, restaurants, offices, hotels, recreational facilities and thousands of residents. This grant will enable the City of Baltimore to provide timely and reliable water transit service in the future. The combined services of the Water Taxi and Harbor Connector have enhanced the quality of the waterfront experience by providing convenient ferry service to tourist attractions as well as providing reliable commuter service for those who work in Harbor East, Federal Hill, Canton, and Locust Point.

I ask that you give all appropriate consideration to the application of the City of Baltimore to the Federal Transit Administration's Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes  
Member of Congress

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