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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technology Upgrades in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, located at 1372 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14609.

The funding would be used to make the required upgrades to the existing garage facilities that will allow them to store and maintain the new hydrogen fuel cell buses and vans, as well as a portable hydrogen fueling station. This will be critical to the continued transition of the entire fleet to zero-emission. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the expansion of zero-emission buses that this project will support will increase the customer experience in Rochester, NY through the elimination of all air pollution, reduction in operating noise and increased efficiency due to lowered maintenance costs associated with zero-emission buses. It works to meet New York State's goals of having a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2040 per NYS Executive Order 22.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress