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

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Blind Spot Monitoring System in Fiscal Year 2027. 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 deploy a Blind Spot Monitoring System on its bus fleet. Due to the placement of the A-pillar, 40-foot and 60-foot buses have significant blind spots that can obstruct the operator's view of other roadway users. These blind spots present safety risks for operators and vulnerable road users (VRUs), including pedestrians, cyclists, and wheelchair users. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because over the past ten years, the Authority has reported more than 200 safety incidents involving motor vehicles and other roadway users, according to the National Transit Database. A-pillar blind spots have been identified as a contributing factor in many of these crashes, which have resulted in injuries and significant legal liability. Deployment of this system is expected to help mitigate these risks.

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 Morelle
Member of Congress