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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Airport Corridor Transit Enhancement Study in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, located at 181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. The funding would be used to explore, develop, and prepare for transportation improvements between Buffalo Niagara International Airport and Buffalo's Central Business District, including planning, design, and environmental review for potential transit enhancements along this corridor.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Airport Corridor is currently served by NFTA Metro's Route 24, which enjoys robust ridership, and as one of the few U.S. transportation providers with aviation and public transit under common management, the NFTA is uniquely positioned to create synergies between these two modes to provide the traveling public with better transportation options and more seamless travel experiences. This study will be undertaken in close coordination with the Authority's Bus Rapid Transit Network Evaluation Study and will optimize service delivery along the route through the East Side of Buffalo and the Town of Cheektowaga.

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,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress