Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

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:

Tinot M. Kennes

I am requesting funding for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, located at 181 Ellicott St, Buffalo, New York 14210. The funding would be used for the purchase of sixteen paratransit vehicles.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project funds implementation efforts under Titles II and II of the ADA of 1990 and 49 CFR 37. Paratransit service increases patrons' ability to complete their daily tasks with greater independence, including workforce participation, consumer activity, and educational and healthcare-related travel. Recognizing all of these factors, grant funding would improve paratransit access across urban, suburban, and rural areas of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority's catchment area.

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