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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President and Esteemed Members of Congress:

On November 15, 2021, the President signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (PL 117-58). That law, passed by Congress, incorporated historic levels of investment towards our transportation system and infrastructure, including an additional \$39 billion towards public transportation. This historic increase in transit funding has been a proud accomplishment for the administration and Congress for improving transportation equity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, procedural challenges are tying up USDOT's ability to get these funds to transit agencies. Each passing day of delay to fully unlock the law's potential via appropriations, communities face increasingly insurmountable losses to their economies, environment, and vision towards equitable, accessible, and reliable public transportation.

We, the undersigned, call upon the White House and Congress to do everything they can to:

1. Deliver this historic transit funding to the transit agencies that can put those dollars to work, realize better transit service, and enhance access to jobs and community services;
2. Enable new programs, such as the Carbon Reduction formula program and the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program to get started; and
3. Ensure all programs that fund new transit projects, like the Capital Investment Grant program, are funded at their fully authorized levels.

We the undersigned stand ready to support your work in advancing these key priorities: the most promising parts of the IIJA that advance equity, safety, climate mitigation, economic opportunity, and enhancing our communities. Failure to act expeditiously will quickly dim the full promise of the law and continue to hurt our climate and the equity and safety of our communities.

Signed,

Transportation for America  
10,000 Friends of PA  
1000 Friends of Oregon  
350 New Orleans  
5th Square  
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet  
Active San Gabriel Valley  
Active Transportation Alliance  
Anchorage Assembly  
Anchorage Citizens Coalition  
Asheville on Bikes  
Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living  
Barbar  
Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST)  
Bike Durham  
Bike Walk Greenville  
BikeWalkNC  
Business For A Better Portland  
CalBike  
California Bicycle Coalition  
Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)  
Central Maryland Transportation Alliance  
Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP  
Citizen Action of New York  
City of Emeryville  
City of Eugene  
City of Scottsdale  
City Wise Studio USA  
Claiborne Avenue Alliance  
DC Transportation Equity Network  
Delaware Valley Association Of Rail Passengers  
Denver Streets Partnership  
Earth Day Mobile Bay, Inc.  
East Metro Strong  
Environmental Law & Policy Center  
Farm&City  
Farmville Cycles  
Friends of Caltrain  
Front and Centered  
Gamaliel

Genesis  
Greater Greater Washington  
Greater Ohio Policy Center  
GreenFaith  
Gregory Young, Supervisor, Fulton County Board of Supervisors  
GrowSmart Maine  
Health by Design  
Hoosier Environmental Council  
Investing in Place  
Jenny Brekhus, Reno City Council Member  
Joy Machines Bike Shop  
Kelso City Council  
Labor Network for Sustainability  
Liberty Resources, Inc.  
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition  
Madison Area Bus Advocates  
Malone Complete Streets  
Metro Atlanta Chamber  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
Mile High Connects  
Mountain Line (MUTD)  
Move LA  
Move Minnesota  
Move Redmond  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NC NAACP Environmental Justice Committee  
No More Freeways  
One Fair wage  
Our Streets Minneapolis  
PennFuture  
People's Action  
PeopleForBikes  
Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA (PCAC)  
Philly ADAPT  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  
Pittsburghers for Public Transit  
Planning and Conservation League  
Portland Bureau of Transportation  
Reinvent Albany  
Renewable Hydrogen Alliance/Phoenix Finance  
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce  
Riders Alliance  
Rise and Resist Elevator Action Group  
RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC

San Francisco Transit Riders  
Seamless Bay Area  
SF Bay Area Rapid Transit  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Club, Delta Chapter  
Southern Environmental Law Center  
StreetsPAC  
Sustain Charlotte  
Tampa Bay Chamber  
The Street Trust  
The Transit Coalition  
TransForm  
Transit for Connecticut  
Transit Forward Philadelphia  
TransitMatters  
Transportation Alternatives  
Transportation Choices Coalition  
Transportation for Massachusetts  
Transportation Riders United  
Tri-State Transportation Campaign  
U2U  
Ulupono Initiative  
United Vision for Idaho  
UrbanTech Systems  
Virginia Organizing  
Virginia Transit Association  
Walk Long Beach  
WalkBoston  
Washington Interfaith Network

Cc:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, US House of Representatives  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader, US House of Representatives  
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Majority Leader, US Senate  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader, US Senate