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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Securing Rail & Bus Facilities in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, located at 2424 Piedmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30324.

The MARTA Securing Rail and Bus Facilities project is designed to enhance the safety and security of the transit agency's operations by installing specialized anti-climb, anti-cut fencing around critical bus and rail facilities. This fencing will limit access to hazardous areas, strengthen anti-terrorism measures, and protect federal investments in transit infrastructure. The project responds to security vulnerabilities identified by the MARTA Police Department, aiming to mitigate risks and prevent potential threats. As MARTA continues to upgrade its transit infrastructure, this project ensures that public safety remains a top priority, safeguarding both passengers and staff from potential harm.

The requested funding will be used to install secure fencing at five bus yards and three rail yard facilities, which house over 300 rail vehicles, 500 buses, and vital support equipment. The new fencing will replace existing chain link fences, which have been repeatedly breached, with materials that offer enhanced protection against unauthorized access and potential security threats. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as it not only helps prevent theft, vandalism, and unauthorized access but also improves overall service reliability and reduces operational costs related to security breaches. By ensuring secure access to critical infrastructure, the project will also contribute to the long-term sustainability of MARTA's operations, particularly as new rail cars are introduced in the coming years.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress

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