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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System Bus Replacement project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Milwaukee County's Department of Transportation located at 10320 W. Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The funding would be used to replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these transit buses provide 150,000 rides a day and travel 17 million miles annually, helping many of my constituents get to work. Nearly 90 percent of the county's population is served by fixed-route transit. MCTS is the economic engine of the region, with 46 percent of riders saying the bus is the main way they get to and from work

MCTS must manage a regular replacement cycle for its buses when they reach the end of their useful life to remain compliant with safety and environmental regulations, to reduce maintenance expenses and minimize service interruption. The expected results of this project are fewer breakdowns, less money spent on maintenance of vehicles, greater customer/transit rider satisfaction, improved workforce development outcomes for riders and employers, and improved service for transit riders because the system on which they depend is more reliable and convenient.

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, appearing to read "Gwen Moore".

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress