

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 6, 2017

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Price  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Price:

As you prepare the Subcommittee's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 appropriations bill, we urge you to include bill language that would ensure that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) continues to sign grant agreements for Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program transit projects. Without this language, FTA will strand local investment designated for projects in communities across the country.

As you are aware, the CIG Program is the FTA's primary mechanism for providing major capital project funding to transit projects. These projects are planned, implemented, and operated by local governments, which often would not be able to build the projects without a federal investment. CIG Program funding is vital for Americans that depend on public transportation and, under the program, the FTA has been an important partner in transit projects across the country.

The FTA's FY2018 budget proposal recommends funding solely for projects with existing grant agreements and seeks to limit federal participation in developing and future projects. It is vital that FTA continue to sign new CIG program grant agreements for deserving transit projects.

The Administration's decision to cut off projects currently in the development process is extremely concerning. Project sponsors have invested significant time and resources into planning and engineering work, and many projects have already gone through the FTA's rigorous review process and received project ratings. These projects are a partnership between the Federal government and local sponsors, and can only be constructed with Federal participation. CIG projects will generate economic benefits for businesses, allow workers to reach their worksites, and decrease congestion on our roads. The Administration's plan to scale back transit capital funding would cost up to 502,000 jobs and \$90 billion in economic output.

Just last month, Congress expressed its strong support for the CIG program by funding new projects in the FY2017 spending bill at the highest level in the history of the CIG program.

These already appropriated federal dollars should not be left stranded. We urge you to ensure that the Federal government continues to make these critical investments by requiring the FTA to continue to enter into new CIG grant agreements.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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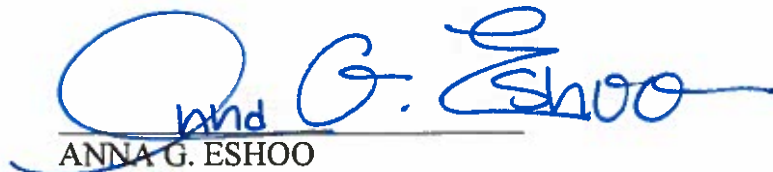
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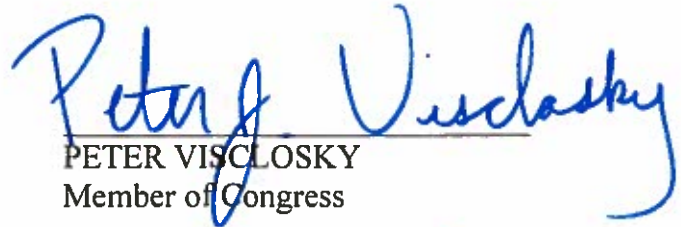
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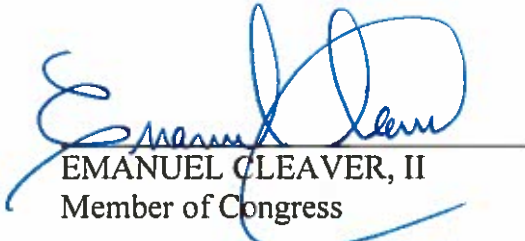


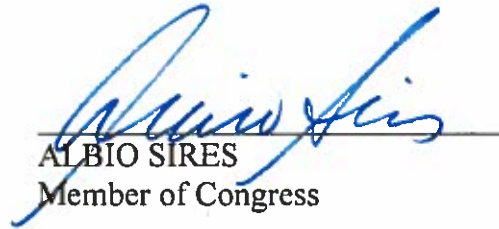
  
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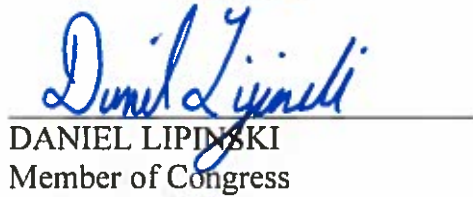
  
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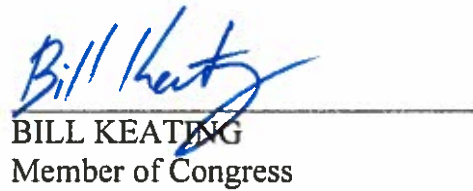
  
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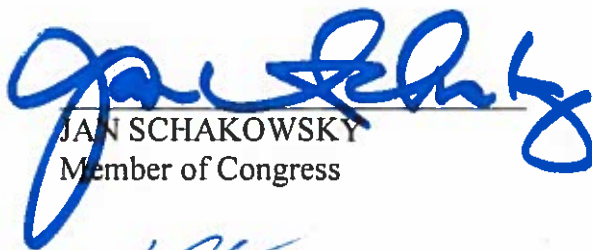
  
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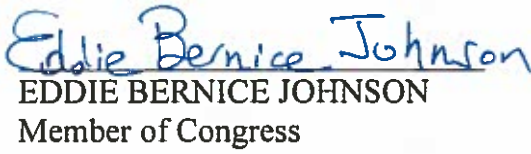
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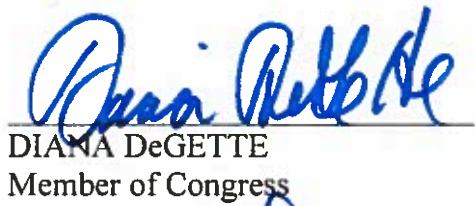
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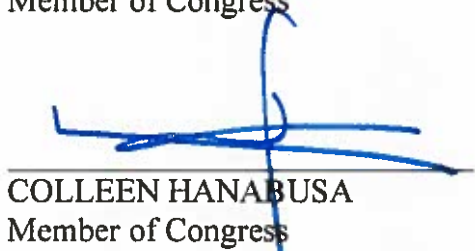
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