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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for MirrorLESS Camera Upgrades for SORTA's Fixed Route Fleet in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, located at 525 Vine Street, Suite 500 Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202. The funding would be used to equip SORTA's entire fixed-route transit fleet with MirrorLESS Camera Vision Systems, replacing traditional side mirrors with high-definition, weather-resistant cameras that provide operators with a wider and clearer field of vision. This upgrade eliminates blind spots and improves visibility in low light, glare, and adverse weather—addressing some of the most common collision risks involving pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable roadway users. This project will provide a panoramic, real-time view that enhances situational awareness and helps operators navigate turns, intersections, and nearby activity more safely. In addition to improving safety, the system will reduce costly repairs associated with mirror strikes, one of the most common maintenance issues in the transit industry. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is a critical public safety investment designed to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable roadway users who travel along Metro's service corridors every day. The project would strengthen the economic competitiveness of the Cincinnati region by ensuring Metro can continue providing safe, reliable, and high-quality transit service to the more than 200,000 jobs connected by the system daily.

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,



Congressman Greg Landsman