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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
United States House of Representatives
2334 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nadler:

I write to thank you on behalf of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and its nearly 1,500 member organizations for your leadership in the effort to secure a significant increase in funding for the public transportation programs in the Transportation-HUD Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 appropriations bill. I am extremely pleased to see that 66 members joined your call for increased investment in public transportation.

In your "Dear Colleague" letter to Chairman Olver and Ranking Member Latham, you clearly and convincingly state the urgency for Congress to provide more than the \$10.8 billion in the President's FY 2011 Budget Request. The \$14.88 billion requested in your letter is consistent with APTA's recommendations and will help us to bring the nation's transit systems up to a state of good repair and to expand those systems to accommodate the expected doubling of transit ridership over the next 20 years.

We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the annual budget and appropriations meet state and local public transportation needs, especially at a time when consideration of a new surface transportation authorization bill continues to be delayed. We simply cannot afford to lose the momentum that the \$8.4 billion investment in public transportation through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has brought in terms of fulfilling capital investment needs and creating and sustaining jobs.

Again, we thank you for your long and consistent support of transit issues, and we look forward to working with you to provide the federal investment in public transportation that meets the needs of the nation's transit riders.

Sincerely yours,

William Millar
President

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