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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and its more than 1,500 member organizations, I write to express our unwavering and fervent support for the bi-partisan, Nadler-LaTourette-Blumenauer-Gibson-Crowley-Turner (NY)-Grimm-Lewis (GA)-Fitzpatrick-Norton-Hayworth-Rangel amendment to H.R. 7, American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012.

H.R. 7 eliminates the Mass Transit Account (MTA) of the Highway Trust Fund and the dedicated revenues that are now deposited into the MTA and replaces the MTA with an "Alternative Transportation Account." This new account would be funded through a one-time, general fund, appropriation. The Nadler-LaTourette-Blumenauer, et al amendment, recently filed with the House Committee on Rules, restores the Mass Transit Account and maintains its funding from dedicated motor fuels tax revenues. APTA urges all Members of Congress to support the amendment and permit its consideration on the House floor when H.R. 7 is considered. Every member of the House of Representatives should have the opportunity to vote for their constituents on this critical matter.

Millions of Americans depend on safe, reliable and affordable public transportation each day for their commutes to work, school, medical appointments, and houses of worship. We must ensure that public transportation continues to be funded by committed revenue streams in the years to come if our Nation is to meet the growing demand for public transportation in a fiscally-sound manner. If you have questions, please have your staff contact Brian Tynan of APTA's Government Affairs Department at (202) 496-4897 or email btynan@apta.com.

Sincerely yours,

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