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AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION



Dear APTA Members,

Thanks to all of you who have contacted your members of Congress and alerted them to the dire consequences of the House financing provision that would eliminate dedicated funding for public transportation. Together, we have made our collective voices heard. There is growing support and momentum for the Nadler-LaTourette Amendment that would restore dedicated funding to public transportation under HR 7.

However, it is not certain that the amendment will be approved, or even allowed for consideration on the House floor. We must continue to work together and speak with one voice if we are to prevail. We still have much work to do.

In my discussions with coalition partners and members of Congress over the last several days, they have stressed that the bill cannot be fixed if it is defeated. Absent agreement on a bill, the alternative is almost certainly more short-term extensions.

We must stay focused on this key, threshold issue. There are many details of the bill that are very important and we will address these as well. But, at this moment, none is as important -- or significant -- as the financing provision. Nothing less than the future of the federal transportation is at stake!

This bipartisan amendment is the product of your collective efforts. In recent weeks, APTA has initiated and advanced numerous letters with other coalitions --one that had more than 600 signatures from like-minded partner organizations. We have coordinated with you and your legislative consultants. This issue is front and center because all of us are working together on many fronts -- advocacy, media, advertising, and grassroots efforts.

We have an all-member call on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 4:30 p.m. ET to update you and discuss our advocacy efforts. Rep. Steve LaTourette (R-OH) will be on the call to discuss his amendment. I hope each of you will join us. Next week is an opportune time for all of you to continue reaching out to your members of Congress as they are back home on recess.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts. I can't say this strongly enough; we must speak loudly and we need for your voices to continue to be heard. Together, with one voice, we can create a better future for public transportation.

Please contact me or APTA's [Brian Tynan](#) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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