



**American
Public Transportation
Association**

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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
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513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John R. Curtis
U.S. Senate
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Laura Friedman
U.S. House of Representatives
1517 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael Lawler
U.S. House of Representatives
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Blunt Rochester, Senator Curtis, Representative Friedman, and Representative Lawler:

On behalf of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), which represents the \$93 billion public transportation industry that directly employs more than 430,000 people and supports millions of private-sector jobs, I write to thank you for your leadership in developing the Build Housing, Unlock Benefits and Services Act (Build HUBS Act) (S. 3636 and H.R. 7062) and to endorse the legislation. The Build HUBS Act recognizes that the Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF) programs can be enhanced to better support vital transit-oriented development (TOD) projects across the nation.

We believe that TIFIA and RRIF should continue to principally address public transit, passenger rail, and other surface transportation infrastructure projects and needs. As an important complement to such projects, the Build HUBS Act will enable greater development near public transit to support new, affordable living and mobility options, long-term economic growth, increased job opportunities, and revitalized communities.

Public transit generates countless benefits which can be amplified when public and private entities work in tandem to deliver projects near public transit that address vital community needs. We applaud your focus on enabling TOD projects that will lower household transportation costs, increase ridership, reduce traffic congestion, and add to vibrant, connected communities.

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APTA stands ready to work with you and your colleagues in Congress to cut red tape, provide greater access to housing, jobs, and services, and grow local economies. Thank you for your leadership on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul P. Skoutelas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul P. Skoutelas
President and CEO