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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Panetta,

On behalf of America's public transportation industry, which directly employs more than 435,000 workers and supports millions of private-sector jobs, I write in strong support of H.R. 583, the "Green Bus Tax Credit Act of 2021". This bill provides a manufacturer tax credit to address the up-front costs of electric and hydrogen fuel-cell buses and will help enable public transit agencies continue to lead the way in the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

As we have identified in *APTA's Recommendations on Surface Transportation Law*, we urge Congress to provide significantly increased funding to the Buses and Bus Facilities program, including Low or No Emission bus grants, to support replacing old buses and transitioning to zero-emission fleets. As it stands, bus competitive grant programs are vastly oversubscribed, and the tax credit provided in H.R. 583 will be a great benefit to encourage the adoption of these zero-emission technologies. During consideration of the bill and to further facilitate adoption of zero-emission transit vehicles, we urge you to increase the tax credit to 30 percent and expand the eligibility to include trolleybuses and paratransit vehicles.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue, and we look forward to working together ensure that more Americans enjoy the many long-term benefits of zero-emission buses in their communities.

Sincerely,

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