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The Honorable Tim Scott
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The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
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U.S. Senate

534 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Warren:

On behalf of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), which represents the \$79 billion public transportation industry that provides mobility for millions of Americans each year, directly employs 430,000 people, and supports millions of private-sector jobs, **I write to express our strong support for the nomination of Marcus Molinaro to serve as Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).**

Mr. Molinaro has had an extensive career in public service to both his home state of New York and to our country. He began his government service at age 18 as a member of the Village of Tivoli Board of Trustees. In 1995, he became the youngest Mayor in the United States. After serving 12 years as Mayor of Tivoli, he was elected to the New York State Assembly, and thereafter, served as Dutchess County Executive for 10 years.

Most recently, he represented New York's 19th District in the 118th Congress. Mr. Molinaro knows firsthand the importance of public transportation and its incredible economic impact. Public transportation is critically important to New York State, and its public transit agencies provide billions of transit trips each year. New York is also home to key public transit industry manufacturers, suppliers, and design and engineering services. In total, the public transit industry directly employs more than 150,000 public- and private-sector workers in New York.

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In Congress, Mr. Molinaro served on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where he authored and supported several bills focused on investing in public transportation, advocating for individuals with disabilities, and establishing safety requirements for rail carriers.

Mr. Molinaro's experience and dedication to public transportation well position him to lead FTA. He knows firsthand the difference that public transportation makes in people's daily lives. We look forward to working with Mr. Molinaro to drive economic growth, create American manufacturing jobs, and build stronger communities through public transportation.

Accordingly, APTA is pleased to support the nomination of Marcus Molinaro as FTA Administrator and urges the Committee to report his nomination favorably to the full Senate for consideration.

Sincerely,



Paul P. Skoutelas
President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Katie Britt, Chairman, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Tina Smith, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate