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The Honorable David Price  
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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation,  
Housing and Urban Development,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

On behalf of America's public transportation industry, which contributes \$71 billion to the U.S. economy, directly employs 430,000 workers, and supports millions of private-sector jobs, I write to express our strong support for Division E of H.R. 3055, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020.

We are grateful that H.R. 3055 continues historic funding levels for public transportation and passenger rail by providing \$16.2 billion, including \$13.5 billion for public transportation and \$2.7 billion for passenger rail grants. This funding will help bring the nation's bus and rail systems to a state of good repair and will permit communities to move forward with critical public transportation and passenger rail projects to meet the growing transportation needs of Americans.

Again, we thank you for your strong support for public transportation and passenger rail and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Paul P. Skoutelas  
President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Nita Lowey, Chair, Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations