

Capital Investment Grants



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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

The Capital Investment Grants Working Group (“Working Group”) is a coalition of more than thirty transit agencies, cities, and private sector members formed in 1995 to advocate for and support the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) Capital Investment Grants (“CIG”) program. We write today to thank you and express our enthusiastic support for H.R. 2, the “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act” (INVEST in America Act.).

The INVEST in America recognizes the importance of transit capital investments to provide access to opportunity for all Americans, to shape economic development and build equitable communities. Further, the INVEST in America Act will also ensure that future investments are environmentally sustainable to address the challenges faced in cities and metropolitan regions.

We greatly appreciate the proposed investments in this bill that recognize and seek to jump start the economy by pointing out the importance of infrastructure investment to stimulate the economy while also responding to fiscal challenges many transit systems face due to COVID-19 in advancing CIG projects.

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Thank you for your leadership, vision and responsiveness to our concerns. We look forward to continued collaboration and stand ready to support you to advance this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



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Chair