

June 16, 2020

The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

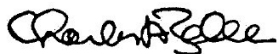
Dear Chairman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Metropolitan Council and our public transportation operator, Metro Transit, I write to thank you for a tremendous surface transportation. H.R. 2, the “Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act” (INVEST in America Act) supports our mission to promote public transportation as an environmentally friendly service and conduct our business in an environmentally responsible manner.

Metro Transit provides over 90 million rides annually to residents and visitors to the Twin Cities metropolitan region and the INVEST in America Act will clearly help us meet growing mobility demands, create family-wage jobs, and grow our economy. Further H.R. 2 provides much needed relief for our public transit agency to continue to provide essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic and support our nation's economic recovery. While the situation continues to evolve, we appreciate your partnership to help our customers and drivers stay safe while continuing to provide the essential transportation services our region depends on.

Thank you again as these investments are critical to improving regional mobility and ensuring our economic recovery. We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your colleagues as this bill advances through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Charles Zelle
Chair, Metropolitan Council

Cc: Congresswoman Angie Craig