

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ms. Pike:

I am writing to urge your support for H.R. 2, the INVEST in America Act, to support critical investments in surface transportation, including public transportation, and as expressed by APTA in a letter dated June 11, 2020.

I serve as General Manager/CEO of PARTA and as the President of the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA). We deeply appreciate and rely upon the CARES funding provided in the early stages of COVID-19 to support continued, essential transit services all across the nation.

At PARTA, we have continued operating and recently ramped service back to meet increasing demands for service.

Across Ohio, transit systems perform lifeline services, ensuring essential workers get to their jobs in hospitals, grocery stores, pharmacies, nursing homes, and other service providing sectors that everyone relies upon for food, prescriptions, medical services, and care for vulnerable populations. Public transit also provides dialysis transportation, paratransit, and demand response services that reach individuals in remote and rural areas all across our country.

INVEST in America will enable public transit to continue to drive the reopening of local economies across Ohio and the nation. It is a critical link for connecting essential workers to their jobs and essential services and goods to people who need to access them.

On behalf of PARTA and OPTA members, I thank you and express my sincere appreciation for your efforts to pass critical legislation to keep our economy moving forward and ensure equal access for all to basic daily necessities.

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Dear Ranking Member Graves and Ms. Camp:

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