

June 14, 2020

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

Dear Mr. DeFazio,

RE: Strong support for H.R. 7095, the INVEST in America Act

On behalf of Petrichor Science Group, we are writing to respectfully urge you to support H.R. 7095, the INVEST in America Act.

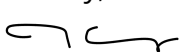
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We learned about some of the details in the INVEST in America Act at an American Public Transportation Association webinar in early June 2020. The proposed law is a vast improvement for many public transit agencies and if enacted will improve public transit service for our communities. We are particularly happy with revising the funding methodology from an operating cost per hour basis to a service provision levels basis as we have seen the challenges this methodology creates when making comparisons between comparable levels of service at different transit agencies.

Last, we support this act because it will help small businesses develop products that will assist transit providers on their quest to provide the best service to their service areas. For research consultants like Petrichor Science Group, it gives us an opportunity to connect with a broader set of agencies who do not have the resources or technical ability that large agencies have. We believe that the passing of the INVEST in America Act would help even the playing field when it comes to funding requests between small, medium, and large transit providers.

For all these reasons, Petrichor Science Group strongly supports this legislation. Thank you for leading the House committee in introducing this important legislation. As Portlanders we were pleased to hear that an Oregon representative is leading this effort.

Sincerely,


Christopher Muhs (Jun 15, 2020 18:58 PDT)

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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
Oregon 3rd District Representative
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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