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The Honorable Peter De Fazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation
& Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn Office Building
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

As Congress considers new authorization to replace the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which expires on September 30, 2020, I write to express Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) support and gratitude for the "Investing in a New Vision for Environmental Surface Transportation in America Act" (INVEST in America Act).

The proposed INVEST in America Act is a transformative vision for our nation's infrastructure and includes unprecedented investments in our nation's public transportation. Ongoing and sustainable investment in public transit is critical to meeting our environmental and sustainability challenges while supporting economic growth strategies. We also appreciate that the bill proposes a series of programmatic changes to various discretionary grant and financing programs, designed to better leverage federal investments and deliver on progressive policy objectives.

Now, more than ever, investments in infrastructure are needed to stimulate economic recovery and ensure essential mobility options are available. Despite the outbreak of COVID-19, SacRT has continued to move thousands of people on a daily basis, operating as an essential lifeline service. As riders return, it is of utmost importance that the public have complete faith in the system. Therefore, we are thankful the bill recognizes the immediate need to provide additional supplemental funding for transit agencies in FY2021 to enhance cleaning and maintenance efforts and help address budgetary shortfalls.

SacRT is thankful for the priority the U.S. House of Representatives has placed on the INVEST in America Act and we support the authorization effort. Thank you for everything you are doing to address these unprecedented times.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Li", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Henry Li
General Manager/CEO

cc: Congresswoman Doris Matsui
Congressman Ami Bera
Congressman John Garamendi