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CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY**

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Matthew Welbes
Office of the Administrator
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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, 9th Floor
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*RE: Letter of Support for U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Competitive Funding Opportunity: 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) Application*

Dear Administrator Welbes,

On behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's (GCRTA) application for the 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP), to fund its Green Line Light Rail Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Platform Rehabilitation Project.

Several Green Line Light Rail station platforms are antiquated and in a poor state of repair. They are the last remaining non-ADA compliant Light Rail station platforms. ASAP funds will rehabilitate the stations, bringing them into compliance with the ADA of 1990, resulting in all GCRTA stations being ADA-accessible.

Station upgrades will result in full accessibility for disabled passengers, including those in wheelchairs, many located in distressed neighborhoods, where residents are transit dependent. Refurbishing the existing stations constructed prior to 1990 will increase residents' access to GCRTA's Green Line Light Rail, removing barriers to employment, schools, healthcare facilities, and recreation and culture, connecting to the Greater Cleveland community.

Therefore, I am pleased to offer my support and ask GCRTA's application for the 2026 All Stations Accessibility Program grant be given full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress