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April 19, 2024

Administrator Veronica Vanterpool
Office of the Administrator
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1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20590-9898

Dear Administrator Vanterpool:

I am writing in support of Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's (GCRTA) application to the Low-No Emission/Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to help fund its Electric Vehicle Pilot Program.

Through its Electric Vehicle Pilot Program, the GCRTA has a unique opportunity to impact our community through reliable and environmentally safe transportation. Through this program, they will pilot electric buses at the GCRTA Hayden Garage, which is one of its crucial bus facilities and a hub that services a large portion of Cuyahoga County. By piloting this project at the Hayden Garage, GCRTA is taking steps towards making meaningful change in a community that needs it. By servicing areas with higher rates of poverty and unemployment with cleaner, zero-emission electric buses, GCRTA helps improve local air quality and contributes to the goals of the Justice40 Initiative.

An exciting aspect of GCRTA's Electric Vehicle Pilot Program is the shift from diesel to electric buses. This will increase the safety and reliability of GCRTA's transit system and demonstrate its commitment to protecting the environment and serving communities. The pilot program is also designed to gather valuable data that will lay the groundwork for a larger-scale transition to zero-emission vehicles.

GCRTA's application for funding through the DOT/FTA's Low-No Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities Programs is not just an investment in public transportation but also a strategic move towards a more equitable and sustainable future for all residents of the area.

Thank you for your attention to this important proposal that will greatly benefit our region. I respectfully request that the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's proposal be given careful review and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress