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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the El Paso County Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) Construction Support in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the El Paso Transportation Authority (ETA), located at 800 E. Overland Ave. Rm. 423, El Paso, TX 79901.

The funding would be used to support the expansion and long-term sustainability of public transportation services in El Paso County. ETA provides fixed-route and ADA paratransit services connecting communities including Anthony, Clint, San Elizario, Vinton, Socorro, Horizon City and the unincorporated areas of El Paso County to employment centers, healthcare, education, and other essential destinations. Funding from this request would support construction of the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF), which will provide space for bus maintenance, fleet storage, and administrative operations necessary to operate and maintain ETA's transit fleet. The facility will improve operational efficiency, strengthen vehicle maintenance capabilities, and support continued expansion of transit services to meet growing demand in rural and underserved areas of the region. The project will strengthen public transportation infrastructure serving El Paso County and ETA's member communities. By establishing a centralized facility designed specifically for transit operations, ETA will be better positioned to maintain reliable service, support future fleet growth, and continue providing safe and dependable mobility options for residents who rely on public transportation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports construction of the El Paso Transportation Authority's Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF), a critical infrastructure investment needed to sustain and expand public transportation services in El Paso County. ETA currently provides fixed-route and ADA paratransit service connecting communities including Anthony, Clint, San Elizario, Horizon City, Vinton, Socorro, and the unincorporated areas of El Paso County to employment centers, healthcare services, education, and other essential destinations. Development of a dedicated operations and maintenance facility will allow ETA to efficiently maintain and store transit vehicles, support daily operational activities, and ensure long-term service reliability. As transit demand continues to grow across the region, the facility will strengthen the infrastructure necessary to support safe and dependable public transportation. Federal funding represents a responsible use of taxpayer dollars because the project builds on planning and investments already committed to advancing transit infrastructure in El Paso County. Supporting construction of the OMF will help ensure reliable mobility options for residents who depend on public transportation while strengthening regional transportation infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

*Veronica Escobar*

Member of Congress