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July 8, 2025

Tariq Bokhari
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Bokhari:

I write in support of the application from the Capital District Transportation Authority to the Low or No Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Programs. The Capital District Transportation Authority is seeking federal support for its proposal: *Acquisition of Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses and Implementation of Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System for Transit Modernization*.

The Capital District Transportation Authority serves a ridership of over 16 million annually across a 3,586-square-mile service area. Committed to enhancing accessibility and mobility, it advances its mission through a focus on sustainability, efficiency, and innovation. In recent years, the service area has grown to include two new counties, while expanding mobility options and growing ridership. The acquisition of hybrid buses and a new EAM system will enable the efficient deployment of accessible service and expanded access throughout New York's Capital Region. If selected, this funding would afford the Capital District Transportation Authority the ability to continue to provide safe and reliable mobility options that support community and family access to jobs, schools, healthcare facilities, recreational and commercial activities and destinations.

Public transit connects thousands of Capital Region residents to their jobs, their schools, and their communities every day, all while reducing pollution, traffic congestion, and fossil fuel emissions. By making significant investments in clean transit options, we are working to build a better, more sustainable future.

Investments in clean public transportation have powerful, lasting benefits for our businesses and workers, and on the health of our communities and environment. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. TONKO
Member of Congress

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