

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 4, 2019

The Honorable David Price
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

As you prepare the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, we write to request funding for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG), commonly known as New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity, at the FAST Act authorized level of \$2.3 billion. We also request that you continue to support the 70 projects in the CIG pipeline and urge the Secretary of Transportation to sign construction grant agreements when project sponsors have met all their requirements to execute the agreement.

The CIG program is critical to communities with transit investments that are either already constructed or planned—generating regional economic benefits, attracting businesses to the project corridor, connecting workers to their employers, and relieving freight congestion chokepoints. The benefits of a project extend well beyond the project corridor: nearly 73 percent of the funds from the CIG program flow directly to the private sector via manufacturers, suppliers, and service firms located in nearly every congressional district in the United States.

Local taxpayers rely on the federal government to be a strong partner by providing capital funds. Before a project is recommended to Congress for a Full Funding Grant Agreement, it is subject to a multi-year, multi-step extensive and rigorous review. We urge you to respect that process and give direction to the FTA to continue to rate, evaluate, and recommend projects for funding that are already in the pipeline.

We therefore urge you to fund the CIG program at \$2.3 billion in FY 2020, continue to support projects in the CIG pipeline, and urge the Secretary of Transportation to sign construction grant agreements when project sponsors have met their requirements.

Sincerely,



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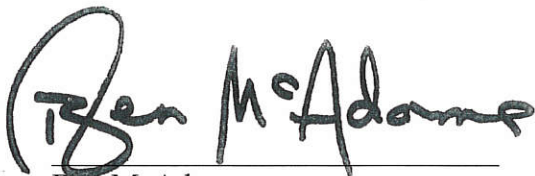
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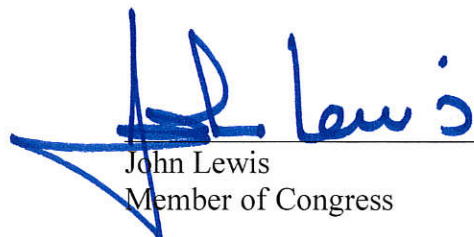
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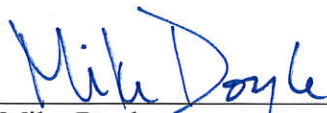
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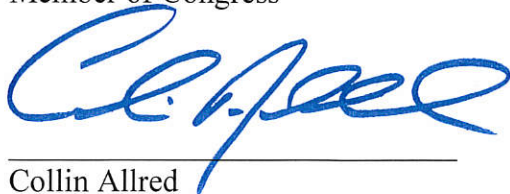
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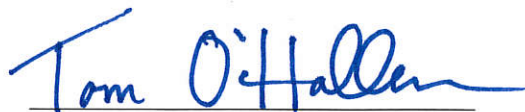
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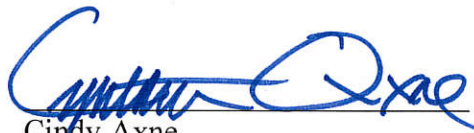
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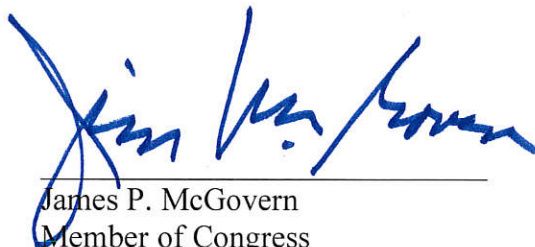
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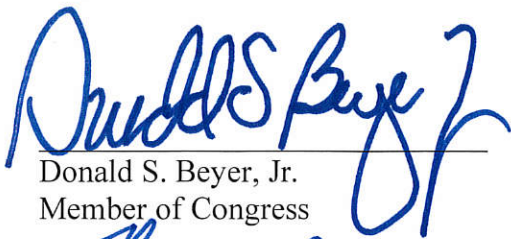
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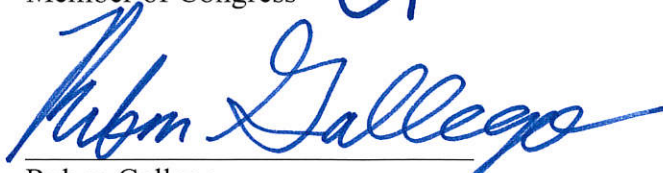



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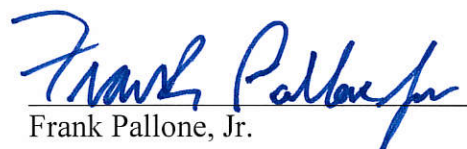
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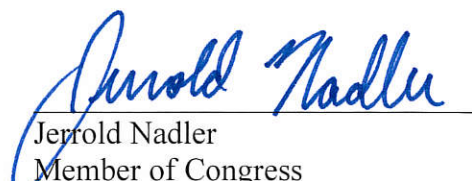
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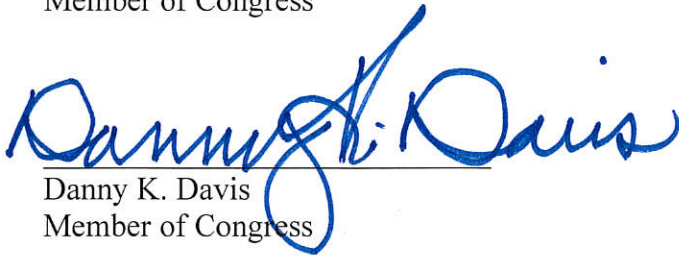
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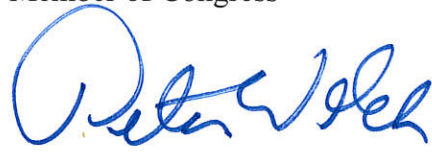
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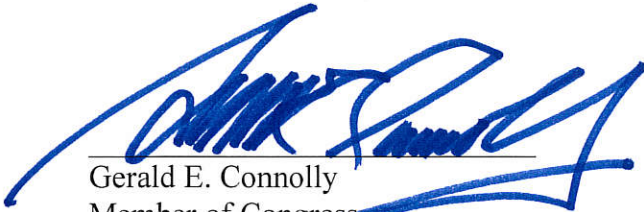
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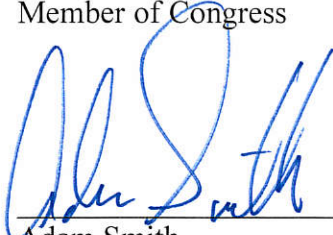
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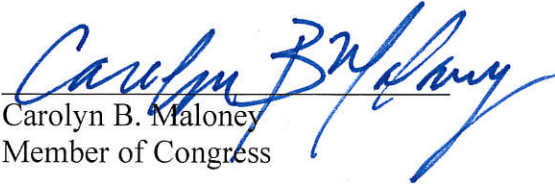
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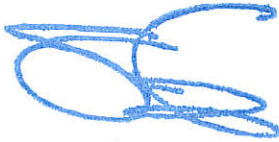
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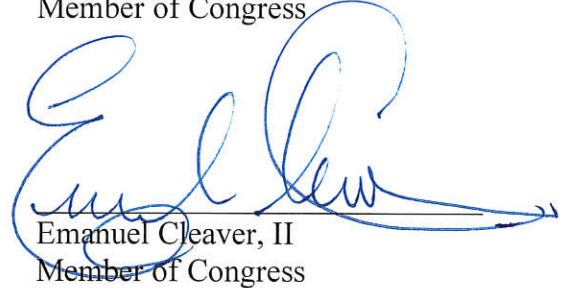
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