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March 9, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in strong support for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Program.

I understand that the funding request will be used to modernize KCATA's Regional Operations and Dispatch Center (OC) in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District located in Kansas City, Missouri. The OC building is a 43-year-old facility that is able to be upgraded at a substantially less cost than a newly constructed building. Key elements of the work include a new roof, new HVAC ductwork, make the Center fully ADA accessible and compliant, integration of new communication technology that also shift's their record system to an electronic system with no hard copy files.

I hope you will positively consider KCATA's application for funding that will enhance and extend the life of the facility and make transit operations more efficient for current and future regional transit in Kansas City. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or Randy Dunn of my staff at (816) 842-4545.

Warmest regards

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