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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

April 28, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority's Transit Ambassador Project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, located at 1200 E. 18th St., Kansas City, MO, 64108. The funding would be used to deploy Ambassadors across the system aimed at improving the passenger experience on by providing additional, trained eyes and ears to report suspicious activities, de-escalate situations, and augment the role of law enforcement to allow them to focus on more serious incidents while Ambassadors handle routine issues.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the increase in crime among transit corridors is a pattern seen across the nation, and with public safety among the top priorities of the Federal Government, this project directly ties into local priorities. In addition to supporting public safety, it is important for Kansas City, as well as all World Cup 2026 host cities, to impress the world while safely hosting these upcoming World Cup games. It is important to host these events successfully and securely to increase the chances of Kansas City and the U.S. to host global events in the future, bringing in millions of tourism tax revenue.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Member of Congress

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