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Congress of the United States
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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$3,840,000 for the **Hydrogen Fueling Station Project** in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is **East Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA)** and the project is located in Antioch, CA, California's 9th Congressional District.

The funding is designated for construction of a hydrogen fueling station. The hydrogen fueling station will have the capacity to fuel up to 32 fuel cell electric buses that will replace diesel buses. This infrastructure will help ECCTA meet the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation set by the California Air Resources Board and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve air quality, maintain the current level of service, and allow ECCTA to meet its emergency evacuations responsibilities for state and local disaster planning. In the event of a disaster, battery electric buses may not be as dependable for emergency evacuations because of slow charging times and short range. Additionally, fuel cell electric buses would not be affected by utility power outages in the way battery charging stations would be, as the station can be powered by a modest-size backup generator.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress