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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Chama, NM Transit Operations Facility in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is North Central Regional Transit District, located at 1327 North Riverside Drive, Española, NM, 87532. The funding would be used for land acquisition, design, construction, and construction management for an operations facility in Chama, NM. The facility will allow vehicle maintenance, driver check-in, restroom use, and bus storage. It is a priority to ensure service is uninterrupted for the communities that depend on public transportation to attend doctor's appointments, employment opportunities, grocery store visits, and community events. These service enhancements will not be possible without a new facility that can house additional vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow NCRTD to conduct its operational functions more efficiently and return revenue vehicles to service in a timely manner, reducing costs for the district and ultimately taxpayers. The project is a necessary step in strengthening the district's operational infrastructure to provide a consistent and reliable level of service for an economically depressed region of the service area. The facility will improve quality of life for operators by providing restrooms and a rest area that can be used between shifts.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress