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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "Clean Transit Advancement Campus (CTAC)" project in fiscal year 2024, in the amount of \$5,000,000. The entity to receive the funding is the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), located at 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego, CA 92101.

This project will build an all new zero-emission bus division for MTS and its future service expansion. Currently, MTS has five bus divisions with the primary functions of bus operations, maintenance, and administrative support. All five are at or near capacity, limiting MTS's ability to electrify its fleet and add new services. This request will provide funding towards the design phase of the Clean Transit Advancement Campus (CTAC), MTS's new zero-emission bus division.

It is critical for MTS to develop an additional bus division to resolve current capacity constraints, operate service throughout the transition without interruption, and meet the future space needs for complete fleet electrification. Both MTS's Elevate SD and San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan envision a vast expansion of bus service in the coming years. These plans include converting existing bus routes to Rapid services, higher frequencies and longer spans on most bus routes, and new bus routes that will extend throughout the MTS service area.

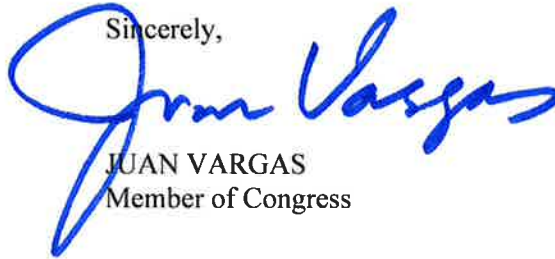
This project is a good use of taxpayer resources because it will provide significant public benefits to the communities MTS serves in the County of San Diego, with approximately 31 million bus passengers every year. These benefits include additional job opportunities; zero-emission bus charging infrastructure; a LEED-certified facility; Envision Certification; advancement of zero-emission technologies; prioritization of clean, zero-emission transit services in disadvantaged communities; and enhancement and expansion of transit services to the region. This priority project will address a critical need for additional space, achieving mobility goals as well as zero-emission bus expansion. In addition, construction of this project will incorporate on-site stormwater treatment, meaning all stormwater leaving the site and entering the adjacent watershed will be much cleaner than the water flowing from the site today.

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.

This project has received written support from SD City Mayor Todd Gloria, SD County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, SD City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera; SD City Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe, and the San Diego Association of Governments.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Juan Vargas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Juan" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Vargas".

JUAN VARGAS
Member of Congress