

Dear Senator X:

We write to you to ask that you co-sponsor Senators Van Hollen and Fetterman's "Moving Transit Forward Act." The bill will provide greater quality transit to communities across the country.

We are also asking that you join us in September for a Week Without Driving, an event to raise awareness about the need to fund transit.

With its new formula for operating expenses, the legislation introduced by Senators Van Hollen and Fetterman will assist transit agencies in big and small cities to increase or improve transit service. This new funding could also support safety and security enhancements, and includes a "maintenance of effort" requirement to ensure continued state and local government support. It will help increase service frequency, provide additional hours of service, and add new, frequent service to underserved communities.

We urge you to co-sponsor the legislation. Transit is essential for our community. It provides everyone with a clean and affordable way to get around. It is a driver of economic growth and opportunities and is a critical tool for addressing the climate crisis. And this bill will help ensure it is funded properly.

While Congress has taken vital steps in recent years to fund transit, including the bipartisan infrastructure law, the fact of the matter is that the lack of congressional action on operations funding has led to critical funding shortfalls at numerous transit agencies and has left many on the verge of a fiscal cliff.

The Moving Transit Forward Act will help fix that.

We also ask that you join us for the Week Without Driving challenge. It challenges us to leave our cars at home for a week to see what it's like for the third of Americans who can't or don't drive.

By participating in Week Without Driving and raising our voices together about the need for better transit options, we can create a system that gets everyone where they need to go, regardless of ability, age, or income.

Which is why we are aiming to make this year's "A Week Without Driving" the largest ever.

Sadly, we know for too many a week without driving is not possible. And that is the point of this action. **If doing a week is not possible for you, there are multiple ways you can join us.**

You can:

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If you're able to join us, or have any questions, please contact XXX.

Sincerely ,

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