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AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Blue Line Belmont in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Agency and the project is located at 3355 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60618.

The funding is designated for The proposed scope of work for this station includes: Maintain all existing stairways and escalators; Provide one elevator for access between street level and the unpaid side of the station house; Provide one elevator for access between the paid side of the station house and the platform; and Install an emergency stairway at the south end of the platform and provide a street-level exit at the northeast quadrant of Barry Ave / Kimball Ave.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits This station will improve and increase access for those with and without a disability. New elevators will allow for increased ridership at this station allowing for grocery carts, strollers, wheelchairs, bikes, luggage, and those who may not be able to use stairs. Decreases riders with a disability from having to go to a farther, yet accessible station, decreasing last mile issues. Increased access to downtown and O'Hare airport for all.

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

Sincerely,



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