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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for PACE Transit Signal Priority in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

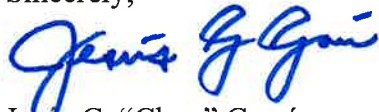
The project sponsor for this project is PACE and the project is located at Pulse Harlem Ave, from Milwaukee Ave to 95th St.

The funding is designated for Pace seeks funding to implement transit signal priority on Cermak Road and Harlem Avenue in western Cook County. Cermak Road and Harlem Avenue are two of the corridors with the heaviest bus ridership in Pace's service area, and both are top priorities for eventual construction of a Pulse (rapid transit) Line. Funding for this signal priority project will be used along Cermak Road in Berwyn and Cicero, and along Harlem Avenue in Riverside, Berwyn, and North Riverside Transit signal priority (TSP) creates shorter travel times for bus riders because it allows buses to communicate with traffic signals to give buses an advantage over regular auto traffic.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the implementation of TSP would create immediate benefits to riders of Pace Routes 307 and 322 at a moderate cost, while also facilitating development of full-fledged Pulse rapid transit service. The transit signal priority funding can be spent immediately upon receipt to pay for implementation of equipment at 30 intersections.

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

Sincerely,



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Illinois' 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District