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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

March 25, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$548,000 of funding for the Cermak Road and Harlem Avenue Queue Jump Improvements Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pace Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority located at 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The funding would be used for infrastructure and traffic signal improvements at this intersection, giving Pace buses an advantage over regular traffic and shortening travel times for public transit riders. Public transit is heavily relied upon by many individuals within the 4th District. The implementation of this queue-jump lane will create immediate benefits for Pace Route 322 riders, while also supporting the ongoing development of full-fledged Pulse rapid transit service on Cermak Road. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Pace's initiatives create greater incentives for commuters to use transit, leading to reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, increased access to jobs for those most in need, and economic development for local businesses.

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,



Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress
Illinois' 4th Congressional District