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The Honorable David Dreier  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dreier:

As Congress undertakes the reauthorization of the nation's surface transportation programs, we are writing to request your support for a transit project that is critical to improved mobility and better air quality in the Los Angeles region.

***Foothill Transit is requesting \$30 million in Bus and Bus Facilities funding*** over the fiscal years included in the federal surface transportation authorization bill to assist in the agency's aggressive efforts to continue the conversion of its entire 314-bus fleet from diesel to alternative fuel buses

As you know, the Los Angeles area is plagued with some of the worst traffic congestion in the nation. Deployment of public transit services, particularly utilizing alternative fuel technologies, not only facilitates mobility in our area, but also contributes to improved air quality and helps reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

The conversion of transit fleets such as ours to alternative fuel sources multiplies the benefits that transit service already offers for our region in terms of helping reduce congestion, saving energy and contributing to better air quality. In making our communities in the San Gabriel and Pomona valleys more livable, this project is compatible with federal transportation goals.

Foothill Transit is a public/private partnership which provides public transit service over a 327 square-mile area. Foothill Transit has previously been recognized by Congress as a national model.

Thank you for your leadership in helping maintaining our nation's infrastructure, and for your steadfast and effective representation of the area in which we live and do business.

Sincerely,

Doran Barnes  
Executive Director

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