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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for rolling stock in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor is South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and the project is located throughout Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties.

The funding is designated to support the capital purchase of rolling stock (including vehicles and equipment) for increased capacity and expansion of the Tri-Rail commuter rail system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: This Project supports the continued investment in public transportation, which is critical to the economic growth of South Florida, allowing for a more efficient and sustainable land use pattern, and providing a vital link for people in their daily lives. The SFRTA operates the Tri-Rail commuter rail service (Tri-Rail) along a 72-mile rail corridor, traversing the counties of Miami Dade, Broward and Palm Beach. With 18 stations, Tri-Rail transports many essential workers, seniors, leisure travelers and students to numerous destinations, including the three major international airports, over a dozen hospitals (including numerous medical facilities), local government and non-government offices, and many colleges and universities throughout the South Florida region.

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

Sincerely,

Lois Frankel

Member of Congress

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