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

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's (JTA) Autonomous Vehicle San Marco Deployment project. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 100 LaVilla Center Dr. Jacksonville, FL, 32204.

The funding would be used to procure and deploy four (4) purpose-built autonomous vehicles, including vehicle acquisition, factory acceptance testing (FAT), integration, commissioning, and full system validation. The project will enhance mobility, safety, and reliability by introducing next-generation purpose-built autonomous vehicles and expanding service into the San Marco area. It will improve operational efficiency, reduce lifecycle maintenance risks, and position the system for long-term sustainable transit service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it advances innovative, accessible transportation solutions that support economic activity, connectivity, and quality of life for residents and visitors. It ensures continuity of autonomous transit service while demonstrating Jacksonville's leadership in emerging mobility technologies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for a capital project eligible under 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,



John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress