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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations, U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Wayfinding Technology Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is VIA Metropolitan Transit, located at 800 W Myrtle San Antonio, Texas 78230. The funding would be used to deploy technology to allow blind and low-vision bus riders to use their smartphones to find bus stops and learn of arrival times. The versatility of this innovative communication approach paves the way for VIA to further notify patrons in real time regarding route detours, public health updates, route changes, and upcoming public meetings. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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