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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,500,000 for the relocation of the Cleveland Urban Area Transit System (CUATS) Depot in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cleveland, Tennessee located at 160 2nd Street, NE, Cleveland, TN 37311. The CUATS Depot's current location in the historic Cleveland Southern Railway Depot is no longer suitable for the needs of a modern and growing transit system. Relocating the depot to a more centralized facility is a necessary step for both transit efficiency and the revitalization of downtown Cleveland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would serve Cleveland's residents effectively and foster downtown economic growth. A new, centralized facility would deliver better service, safety, and operational efficiency, while freeing the historic depot for redevelopment that honors its legacy and boosts downtown vitality. This is a win for transit riders, the city's economy, and the preservation of Cleveland's historic character.

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,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress