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March 16, 2023

The Honorable Elissa A. Slotkin
Michigan's Seventh District
315 West Allegan Street
Suite 207
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Letter of Support

Dear Congresswoman Slotkin:

On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) I would like to express our support for the Congressionally Directed Spending request for funds for zero-emission buses. This funding will allow the Capital Area Transportation Authority to replace its diesel and gasoline buses and provide cleaner transportation to the community.

This letter serves as formal indication of support of CATA's efforts to procure zero-emission buses. As CATA's community partner, the LRCC encourages the movement toward sustainable business practices that better serve the needs of our region's citizens and communities. We applaud CATA's decision to transition its entire fleet to zero-emission by 2035. This will bring cleaner air to neighborhoods throughout the Mid-Michigan region by reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector.

The LRCC supports the provision of safe, reliable and environmentally friendly transit service in our area. By working with regional transit providers to support electric vehicles and creating a plan to install infrastructure, we are removing polluting vehicles from our roadways, and helping communities eliminate the health and environmental risks from carbon emissions. It is our hope that CATA's proposed electric buses will be a point of pride as our community takes proactive steps to limit emissions.

We are excited to support CATA's transition plan to electrify buses. This is an important part of creating environmental equity for the community by improving public health and mitigating environmental degradation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman
President & CEO