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The Honorable Valerie Foushee United States House of Representatives 1716 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

## **RE: Thank You for NSBRT Support**

Dear Representative Foushee,

On behalf of the Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill-Carrboro, I am writing to express our gratitude for your collaboration with the Biden Administration resulting in the inclusion of \$138 million for the North-South Bus Rapid Transit (NSBRT) project in the President's FY2025 budget proposal.

The NSBRT is critical for our community's future growth, economic prosperity, and environmental sustainability. The NSBRT will enhance mobility options for residents, bolstering equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and essential services.

Building on Chapel Hill's strong existing transit network, the NSBRT will provide residents with fast, frequent, and convenient access to many of our largest employment areas including downtown Chapel Hill, the UNC-Chapel Hill campus, and UNC Health. By reducing car trips and utilizing electric buses, the NSBRT will help achieve our shared climate goals through reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality.

As the NSBRT progresses towards final appropriation, know the Chamber stands ready to support your efforts to champion this critical project. Your leadership and advocacy are instrumental in ensuring that this project receives the federal resources necessary to realize it's transformative potential.

Thank you for advocating for critical infrastructure investments that empower our communities and propel us towards a more prosperous and sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Aaron Nelson President & CEO

Thank You to Our Community Champions!





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