

Congress of the United States
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The Honorable David Price
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

We greatly appreciate your past support for additional funding of the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission (Low-No) grant program. We respectfully request that the Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies continue its support for low or no emission buses by providing this successful program with at least \$150 million in Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations.

The Low- No program at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is a competitive grant program which provides funding to states, Indian Tribes, and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, as well as the purchase, construction, and lease of relevant supporting facilities. This program gives states and municipalities critical funding to transition their buses and bus systems away from fossil fuels and reduce emissions.

In Fiscal Year 2020, the FTA awarded \$130 million in funding to [41 projects](#) in 40 states and the District of Columbia. However, the Agency received 147 applications for the program in FY2020—exemplifying the demand for these funds and the popularity of the program. Since its establishment, the program has provided over \$400 million in funding for Low- No buses and infrastructure across the country. Additional investments in the Low-No program are in line with President Biden's climate change goals, including his proposal to increase investments in electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.

The transportation sector is responsible for the largest portion of United States greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, making up 28 percent of our total GHG emissions as of 2018. The growing threat we face from climate change means we must take active steps to reduce these emissions and support the 23 states and the District of Columbia who have currently implemented statewide GHG targets to reduce their emissions. The Low- No grant program does exactly that, supporting local and statewide initiatives to transition from fossil fuel buses to lower or zero-emission transit vehicles and furthering our broader climate goals.

Additional investments in the Low-No program can have significant impacts on our communities, allowing state and local governments to take action to reduce their vehicle emissions and electrify public transit networks. Thank you for your consideration of our request to provide \$150 million in additional funds for the Low or No Emission grant program in Fiscal Year 2022.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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