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Good afternoon Chairwoman Lehner, Ranking Member Fedor and Committee Members. My name is Jennifer Jacobs and my daughter Chloe attends St Augustine and is supposed to have safe and reliable transportation to school provided by Akron Public Schools.

I am currently having to take her and pick her up and this is causing a financial strain due to gas, wear and tear and having to give up hours from work which I am getting so few of due to the pandemic. The form of transportation that Akron did offer is unacceptable. I even have a letter from Chloe counselor stating due to her diagnosis that this would cause more harm than helping.

Chloe tends to worry a lot and has high anxiety and strangers and new situations would make her physically sick. Even last year, when a substitute driver from her former bus got lost, Chloe called me from a friends phone crying cause she did not recognize where she was and i had to talk her down to a calmer state.

I can not imagine her riding public transportation as in metro busing!!! If i can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.