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Chairman Cirino, Vice Chair Chavez, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson,
and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding AM. Sub. H.B. 96. On behalf of the Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA), I want to express our appreciation for the Senate Finance Committee's decision to maintain the General Revenue Fund (GRF) appropriation as approved by the House. This funding is essential for supporting and enhancing the effectiveness of public transit services in Butler County and across Ohio. GRF funds provide suburban and rural transit agencies, like ours, the ability to leverage many additional federal dollars to serve their communities. These funds will have a compounding financial impact.

Additionally, we thank the committee for removing the restrictive language regarding one-seat rides for K-12 students on public transit. Eliminating this language allows transit authorities and school districts greater flexibility to collaborate effectively and efficiently to meet the specific needs of our local communities.

Your continued support demonstrates a clear understanding of the vital role public transit plays in connecting Ohioans with education, employment, and essential services.

Thank you again for your attention to this important matter and for your favorable actions on AM. Sub. H.B. 96.



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