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Senate Finance Committee

Written Testimony in Support of Public Transit Funding Decisions in Sub. HB 96

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

On behalf of Delaware County Transit, thank you for your thoughtful leadership in preserving the General Revenue Fund (GRF) appropriation for public transit in the Senate's version of House Bill 96 and for removing the one-seat student bussing provision added by the House.

We recognize that this budget cycle required difficult decisions across many areas, and we are especially grateful that the Senate Finance Committee chose to protect Ohio's investment in public transit. Your action ensures continued support for systems like ours that connect thousands of Ohioans to employment, education, and essential services every day.

The decision to remove the student bussing language also affirms your commitment to local control and flexibility, allowing each transit system to design services that best meet the unique needs of its community.

In April 2025 alone, Delaware County Transit provided 17,583 rides—a 43.66% increase over the same month last year. With your continued support, we can sustain this momentum and keep serving one of Ohio's fastest-growing counties with innovative, demand-driven transit options.

Thank you again for standing with public transit and for supporting the work we do to strengthen communities and economies across the state!

Respectfully,

Renee Creedon-Mays

Delaware County Transit