



Wednesday June 4, 2025

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

On behalf of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority/Cincinnati Metro, I would like to thank you for continuing to support and invest in better public transportation in Ohio. Public transit improves economies, supports communities, and changes lives.

Cincinnati Metro and the Cincinnati Public School District have worked diligently together to ensure that 7-12th grade students have safe and reliable transportation to and from school each day. The removal of the language in HB 96 pertaining to students utilizing mass transit protects the rights of both students to continue to be able to use Metro and that of our operators to perform their duties of serving every passenger.

Additionally, thank you for maintaining the \$37M of public transit GRF funding. These funds are essential towards ensuring riders can access employment, quality healthcare, education, and shopping, which supports our local economy.

Once again thanks for your support.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aiello", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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