

March 8, 2021

The Honorable Stephanie Kunze
Chairman, Ohio Senate Transportation Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Supporting Central Ohio Public Transit/COTA

Dear Chair Kunze,

As the number of older adults and individuals with disabilities continues to grow, so do opportunities to improve current mobility options. Funding is critical in order to build on existing services to increase accessible, safe, and equitable mobility options by decreasing barriers to utilizing transit.

The Age-Friendly Communities in Ohio engage with older adults and individuals of varying abilities across the state in effort to understand mobility and transportation barriers. At a time when mature-driver involved crashes continue to increase year over year, it is imperative to protect mobility options, like transit, so individuals can maintain safe, equitable, affordable, and accessible connections to get to where they need to go.

We support the work of our transit colleagues across Ohio.

Respectfully,



CC: Members, Ohio Senate Transportation Committee
The Honorable Matt Huffman, President of the Ohio Senate
Joanna M. Pinkerton, President/CEO, Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)