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April 22, 2025

U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin  
291 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**Re: Congressionally Directed Spending Request – Letter of Support**

Dear Sen. Slotkin:

On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC), please accept this letter of support for the Capital Area Transportation Authority's application for Congressionally Directed Spending requests for funds to procure low- or zero-emission buses. Funding will allow CATA to replace diesel and gasoline buses with new-technology hybrid and/or electric buses. This procurement will significantly lower or eliminate emissions, and aligns with CATA's plan to promote environmental equity through improved air quality and public health, and mitigate environmental degradation.

We applaud CATA's goal to reduce emissions on its entire fleet of vehicles and its effort to procure low- or zero-emission buses. As CATA's community partner, the LRCC urges the movement toward sustainable business practices that better serve the needs of our region's citizens and communities.

The LRCC supports the provision of safe, reliable, and environmentally friendly transit service in our region. By working with regional transit providers to support lower-emission vehicles, we are removing heavier-polluting vehicles from our roadways and helping communities lower the health and environmental risks of carbon emissions. Ultimately, CATA's priority is to eliminate them altogether. It is the LRCC's hope that CATA's proposed bus upgrades will be a point of pride, for which our community is proactively and intentionally moving toward.

The LRCC wholeheartedly supports CATA's transition to low- or zero-emission fleet technology.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman  
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Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce