



June 7, 2021

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) and our 1,300+ members nationwide would like to express our thanks and admiration to you and your colleagues for introducing the INVEST in America Act surface transportation reauthorization bill. This comprehensive legislation addresses America's transportation needs straightforwardly and sets us on a realistic course to achieve many badly needed goals in transportation and climate policy.

We are particularly gratified to note that the INVEST in America Act will, for the first time, codify Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and Transportation Demand Management Strategies in federal law. In addition, the bill will incorporate TDM into the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning process and qualify TDM programs to receive funding under the gridlock reduction grant program. These measures would go far in helping improve the efficiency of our nation's transportation system and help in our efforts to reduce mobile source emissions.

We greatly appreciate the effort that you and your colleagues have invested in drafting this outstanding legislation. We are committed to doing all we can to assist you in moving the bill through Congress to final enactment as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Straus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

David Straus  
Executive Director