



June 7, 2021

The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2167 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio:

Greyhound is pleased to support the INVEST in America Act scheduled for Committee markup on Wednesday. As we come out of the pandemic, Greyhound shares your priority of dramatically improving the quality of America's transportation infrastructure. As you know intercity bus service has been existentially challenged by the pandemic and you have been a leader in preserving and restoring long distance networked bus service, including access to rural communities.

Thank you for including a significant funding increase for rural public transit in the INVEST in America Act, including the 15% set-aside for rural intercity bus services contracted to State DOTs. These services complete the critical connections needed between thousands of rural communities and the major destinations on the national bus network across the country, including those served by Greyhound.

We also greatly appreciate the provision designed to increase responsiveness and accountability for FTA grantees on requests from motorcoach operators for "reasonable access" to public transportation facilities. We particularly appreciate your focus on preventing grantees from citing "passenger demographics" as a reason to prevent intercity bus access to a publicly-funded facility.

We look forward to working with you and your staff as the bill moves to the floor on additional issues of importance, including our shared goal to close the loophole on unregulated bus companies.

Sincerely,

Dave Leach
President & CEO