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The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6256

RE: Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) Support of INVEST in America Act

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

SacRT is pleased to add our list to the diverse array of transportation and environmental workers, safety advocates and others who are supporting the INVEST in America Act, a transformational and comprehensive surface transportation legislation that would modernize our nation's infrastructure.

We applaud the House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee for proposing a bold package that invests in American workers and communities of all sizes, while tackling the climate crisis head-on. This legislation represents an opportunity to invest in, and rethink our infrastructure investments to help our communities meet growing mobility demands, create family-wage jobs, expand U.S. manufacturing and supply chains, and grow the economy.

This legislation will create millions of jobs, take bold action on the climate crisis, address disparities in communities across our country and accelerate our nation's recovery. In addition to these critical investments, the INVEST in America Act includes important policies from streamlining the Capital Investment Grant program to investing in new technologies like zero-emission buses that will create the transportation systems of the future. We applaud the investments included for public transportation in the proposal.

As you know, SacRT and transit agencies across the country, continue to operate critical service as a lifeline safety net, ensuring mobility for the most vulnerable in our community. SacRT serves over 400 square miles throughout the County of Sacramento, and the population of SacRT's service area is 53.4% minority and 28.2% low-income. Throughout the pandemic our operations have not faltered. We are operating at near 100% service levels and continue to provide lifeline service to disadvantaged communities.

Again, we are extremely thankful for the public transit emergency funding we have received to date and look forward to working with you on additional initiatives to bolster our economy and invest in innovative mobility measures. The time is now to make this transformational investment in our national infrastructure, which will provide staying power to drive our economy for years to come, and we fully support the INVEST Act.

Sincerely,

Henry Li
General Manager/CEO