## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Ms. Nuria Fernandez Office of the Administrator Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Fernandez,

I am pleased to write this letter encouraging the full and fair consideration of the application from Augusta Transit for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program discretionary funding.

If awarded, this funding will be used to purchase battery electric buses to replace the existing fleet operated by Augusta Transit. Currently, Augusta Transit has the oldest fixed route bus fleet of the 15 motorbus transit operators in Georgia. Additionally, several buses have exceeded their recommended replacement age. These buses are crucial to improve reliability and frequency of service, connect more people to jobs and other opportunities, expand service into new areas such as South Augusta, and to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of transit.

I encourage your full and fair consideration of this application, consistent with all agency rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Titus Cornell at (202) 224-3643 or titus cornell@warnock.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Reverend Raphael Warnock United States Senator

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