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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Chair
The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

RE: Member Certification for Solano County Transit Project

Dear Chairman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I respectfully request funding (\$2,000,000) for the 100 percent battery electric buses project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Solano County Transit (Soltrans), located at 1850 Broadway, Vallejo, California 94589. While this local public agency is based in Congressman Mike Thompson's (D-CA05) district, these electric buses will also serve residents of California's Third Congressional District in Solano County.

In 2023, statewide regulations by the California Air Resources Board requires transit agencies to begin purchasing battery electric buses, with the goal of transitioning all transit buses to zero-emission vehicles by 2040. This project will allow Solano County Transit to replace its aging diesel bus fleet with battery-electric buses, taking delivery of four additional battery-electric commuter coaches, at a cost of \$1 million each.

The Community Project Funding would be used to replace Solano County Transit's existing diesel bus fleet, which will soon reach the end of its useful life, with battery-electric buses. This will reduce noise pollution and emissions of greenhouse gases and particulate matter from public busing throughout Solano County Transit's service area. It is a responsible use of taxpayer funds for the aforementioned reasons.

Pursuant to Clause, 17 of Rule XXIII of the U.S. House of Representatives, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project or request. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress