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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Chatham Area Transit Paratransit Center in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Chatham Area Transit and the project is located in Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia.

The funding is designated for the purposes of establishing a fully modernized facility for all paratransit activities, allowing CAT to provide ADA transit services for paratransit customers while increasing efficiency and reliability of service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

It would afford space for bus parking and potential growth as well as an expanded travel training program to teach riders to travel independently on public transportation. Locating the additional facility in the southern or western portion of the County would allow for a centralized location, improving transit access and reducing wait time while improving service headway. It would decrease congestion and reduce emissions in historic downtown Savannah while expanding access to public transit throughout the County. The project addresses the impact of the aging population and their efficient movement throughout Chatham County. It would create a safer location for these customers and improve connectivity between paratransit and fixed route service.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
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