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On Behalf Of:

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To our Representatives:

I support funding public transportation. My family does not own a car and so we depend on bus and lightrail for doctor visits, shopping, and meeting with friends and family. Not everyone drives. You probably see busses and trains every day, moving people around; how do you propose they arrive at their destination without this mode of conveyance? Even if ythey could drive, they would be adding to traffic congestion, air pollution, and the progressing degradation of life on the planet. Reduced funding will inevitably lead to cuts in the work force and reduction of service with the knock-down effect of making transit less attractive and putting even more people in cars--personal, taxi, Uber, whatever. We need increased investment in this vital resource. Money spent now will bear fruit in the form of savings in the future and enhanced quality of life for all. We've seen the results of false austerity; let's not repeat that mistake.

Sincerely,

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