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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4402

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the FrontRunner Forward Project in Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Utah Transit Authority at 669 W 200 S Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 int Utah’s second congressional ditrict. The FrontRunner commuter train is a vital part of the Wasatch Front’s transportation network (the State’s most densely populated areas), reducing congestion on Interstate 15 and improving air quality. Utah Transit Authority’s (UTA’s) service area is forecast to double in population by 2065. Improvements to FrontRunner train will be needed to support this growth. FrontRunner Forward is a multifaceted development strategy for the commuter rail system. It will develop a conceptual framework that guides the preparation of a strategy and work program for growing the FrontRunner train’s capacity. Specifically, the requested funding will be used for project development/engineering for FrontRunner train improvements, including double tracking and supporting infrastructure, such as rolling stock, stations and systems. This effort will also include a focus on vehicle engineering and specifications for additional fleet. The project will be supported by UTA, a local district political subdivision of the state of Utah. UTA is a public entity and will administer the project. Additionally, the proposed project runs through nine Federal Opportunity Zones and provides benefits to many others in the region including providing additional options to connect jobs and employees, support real estate and economic development, reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and increase ridership of the FrontRunner train and the overall transit system by making strategic capital improvements that allow for improved trip times, increased frequency, and larger train capacity. This strategic double tracking project enjoys widespread public support..

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

Sincerely,

Chris Stewart