

United States Senate

March 9, 2020

The Honorable K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

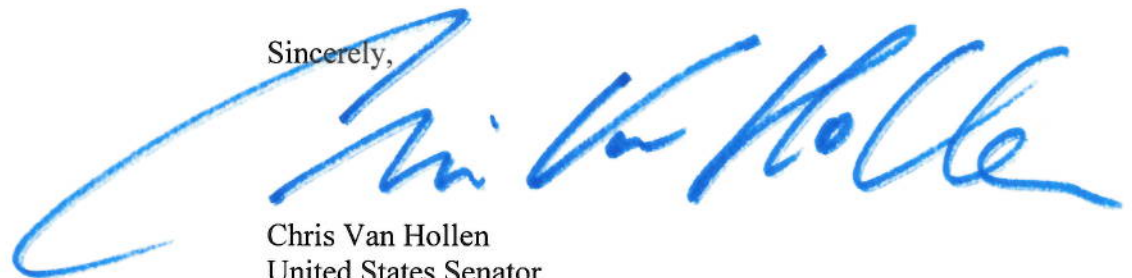
I am pleased to support the application of Howard County, Maryland for funding through the Buses and Bus Facilities Program (FTA-2020-006-BUS) to replace three transit buses that have far exceeded FTA's useful life benchmarks and to implement an automated bus stop announcement system.

Two of the transit buses that need replacement are out of service due to driver and passenger safety concerns. The third transit bus has exceeded its useful life by 50%.

Replacing the three transit buses will support Maryland's commitment to ensuring a state of good repair and ability to meet performance targets set forth in the State's Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP).

I strongly support the efforts of Howard County to upgrade its transit fleet to provide residents with safer and reliable transit services. I urge you to give its proposal full consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen
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