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Chairman Tom Cole Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Staples Mill Train Station ADA Improvements, Richmond, VA, VA-04 project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, located at 919 East Main Street, Suite 2400 Richmond, VA 23219. The funding would be used to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at Staples Mill Train Station in Richmond, VA.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Staples Mill Train Station is the most used train station in the Southeastern United States, serving 424,617 passengers in 2023. This project will enhance the station experience for travelers and ensure that all individuals are able to access train travel in VA. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer L. McClellan Member of Congress