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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 Virginia Passenger Rail Ettrick Station SOGR and ADA Improvements in fiscal year 2026.

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 support planned Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at Ettrick Train Station in Ettrick, VA. Amtrak's Petersburg (Ettrick) Station serves as the intercity passenger rail transportation hub for the Tri-Cities region, which includes Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie County, and Prince George County, all south of Richmond.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Amtrak's Petersburg (Ettrick) Station serves as the intercity passenger rail transportation hub for the Tri-Cities region, which includes Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie County, and Prince George's County, all south of Richmond. This project will enhance the station experience for travelers and ensure that all individuals are able to access train travel in Virginia. 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,

Jennifer L. McClellan

Henrica R. Meclice

Member of Congress