Dear Congress[man/woman] X -

We write to you today to urgently ask that you co-sponsorship of Congressman Johnson's "Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act".

The bill is vital legislation needed to sustain public transit in our community. The "Stronger Communities through Better Transit Act," will provide greater quality transit to communities across the country by creating a new program to increase and improve transit service.

The legislation would create a new formula grant program available to all transit agencies, rural and urban, to increase service frequency so that people don't have to wait so long for the bus; to provide additional hours of service so that those who don't work regular hours can still get to their jobs; and to add new, frequent service in the region.

The failure by Congress not to pass Congressman Johnson's bill last Congress has contributed to fiscal trouble for many agencies and helped lead to a patchwork of uneven and unreliable public transit services that leave too many people behind and drags our economy down. Because there is no national program to support transit operations, we see wild disparities between regions and cities. If we funded schools in the way we fund transit there would be places where there would simply be no schools.

We can't afford that.

Here is a link to the <u>Dear Colleague Letter.</u>
Attached is the bill and a FAQ about the bill. I hope you will sign on.

Sincerely,

Insert your name, title, and organization name here