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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Downtown Track Reconstruction in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Regional Transportation District (RTD), located at 1660 Blake St, Denver, CO 80211.

The funding would be used to replace approximately 13,000 linear feet of rail in downtown Denver across 8 rail stations. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because RTD's downtown loop and central corridor are the backbone of its light rail system, as it is one of the primary ways that people access Downtown Denver. Keeping this asset in a state of good repair is critical to Colorado's growing economy.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized by chapter 53 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,



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress