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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for MARC Dual Locomotive Replacement Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Maryland Department of Transportation located at 6 St. Paul St, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Funds will be used for non-recurring engineering for dual-mode (electric and diesel) locomotives for MARC passenger rail service.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these locomotives are needed to operate through Amtrak's future electric-only B&P Tunnel bores and support expanded regional rail service into Virginia where lines lack overhead catenary. Many Maryland residents utilize this train system to commute also making it critical to economic development.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Johnny Olszewski".

Johnny Olszewski
Member of Congress