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Hon. Karen Bass
Member of Congress
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Dear Congresswoman Bass:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), I am writing to express our appreciation to you for offering a local hire amendment to H.R. 2577, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2016. I am pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives adopted your local hire amendment this evening.

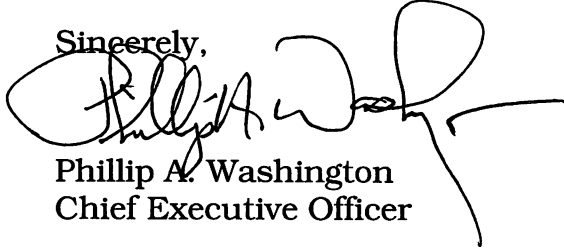
Metro's Board-approved Federal Legislative program for 2015 seeks to support efforts to permanently reform federal local hire rules, which have historically prohibited applying geographically targeted hiring preferences when federal funds are being used on a transportation project. In this regard, we are deeply appreciative of your strong and sustained leadership on the local hire issue over the last several years. Metro was especially encouraged when you introduced H.R. 3620, the Local Hire Act, in the 113th Congress. Likewise, we were pleased when you successfully offered a local hire amendment to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law No. 113 -235).

Your decisive actions in support of reforming federal local hire rules, when coupled with the Obama Administration's Local Hire Pilot Program, has enabled us to initiate Metro's first federally funded contract subject to a local hire program for the Southwestern Yard. This rail facility, which will be situated at the southwest corner of Arbor Vitae Street and Bellanca Avenue, is being constructed for the much anticipated Crenshaw/LAX transit project. Metro's Local Hire Program will provide construction career opportunities to residents of the project area and Los Angeles County, thereby allowing those most affected by construction to share in the economic benefits of this investment of public dollars. Specifically, Metro's Local Hire Program for the Southwestern Yard will have the following hiring goals; 40% community/local area workers; 20% apprentice workers; and 10% disadvantaged workers.

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I look forward to inviting you to meet and have a shared dialogue with the workers participating in Metro's Local Hire Program for the Southwestern Yard when the project enters its construction phase. Thank you again for your successful leadership on reforming federal local hire rules. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 922-7555 with any questions regarding this correspondence or on any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip A. Washington". The signature is stylized with large loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer