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Honorable Karen Bass  
Member of Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
408 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Representative Bass:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), I want to thank you for securing language drawn from your legislation, H.R. 3620 (Local Hire Act) and having it included in the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations omnibus bill (H.R.83) that is expected to be voted on later today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Metro is deeply appreciative of your strong, thoughtful and consistent leadership in advancing the serious and substantive issues outlined in your Local Hire Act. Since 2011, when the goal of reforming federal local hiring rules for transportation projects was added to our innovative America Fast Forward initiative, this issue has remained a key part of our Board-approved federal legislative program. Like you, we believe that reforming federal rules on local hiring for transportation projects will not only help our agency deliver stronger projects that relieve congestion and improve air quality, but also will create jobs for Los Angeles County taxpayers who are largely paying the bills to build these transportation projects.

We very much look forward to working with you and your professional staff to understand how the U.S. Department of Transportation will interpret the Local Hire Act language in the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations omnibus bill.

Again, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to assist Metro in our shared effort to reform federal rules relative to local hiring for transportation projects. The inclusion of your local hire language in the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriation package represents an important milestone on the road to comprehensively reforming federal local hiring policies. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress to enact a permanent solution. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on issues related to this correspondence or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Leahy  
Chief Executive Officer