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**Congress of the United States**  
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Ms. Tara Clark  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Clark:

I write in strong support of the Shreveport Area Transit System's (commonly known as SporTran) application for grant funding under the Federal Transit Administration FY 2018 Low or No (Low-No) Emission Grant Program. SporTran has applied for a competitive grant to deploy three additional electric buses.

SporTran is the public transit system for the City of Shreveport. In 2017, it provided more than 2.4 million rides, many to retail and service industry employees who rely on public transit as their primary mode of transportation. For years, the City of Shreveport has demonstrated its commitment to implementing emissions reduction programs as part of an overall strategy to improve air quality and maintain its attainment ozone designation. As part of that effort, SporTran incorporated five battery-electric buses to its fleet of 48 buses in 2016. Building on that success, SporTran now seeks to deploy additional zero-emissions buses that will help reduce the City's overall energy consumption by reducing the amount of energy required to move SporTran's buses. Further, over the life of a typical transit vehicle, replacing a single diesel bus with a zero-emission transit bus will save over 2.4 million pounds of direct carbon emissions.

In its application, SporTran proposes to purchase three additional zero-emission buses manufactured by Proterra Inc. The proposed project will meet the FTA's goals of reducing energy consumption and harmful emissions throughout my district. In addition to the environmental benefit of zero-emission buses, the new vehicles are more fuel efficient and have lower operation and maintenance costs than older diesel buses. Additionally, the proposed vehicles deliver 26.1 MPGe—extending the range and allowing the buses to be used on all of SporTran's routes, thus providing additional deployment opportunities and greater community exposure to electric buses.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to the City of Shreveport's Enhanced Drivetrain Electric Bus Deployment Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MIKE JOHNSON".

Mike Johnson  
Member of Congress