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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the ADA: 81 St-Museum of Natural History / 8AV Station Upgrade project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority, located at 2 Broadway, New York, New York 10004. The purpose of this project is to bring the station at 81 Street and 8 avenue into full ADA compliance by installing elevators and other related improvements to provide accessibility for customers with disabilities. Specific work may include: installation of one elevator, elevator machine room (EMR), installation and modification of stairs, creation of a new fare control area at the lower level platform, installation of new ADA boarding areas and tactile warning strips, and related utility, mechanical, electrical, and communication work.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will make the station ADA-accessible, improving the accessibility of the NYC Subway system. ADA station upgrades are estimated to increase ridership at the expense of automobile modes of travel such as paratransit, taxis, or other for-hire vehicles, reducing the transportation costs for customers. ADA upgrades also improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, seniors, and parents with young children who rely on the station.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jerrold Nadler
Member of Congress