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Hon. Donald J. Trump
President, United States of America
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of the Honorable Marcus J. Molinaro as the Administrator of the United States Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Congressman Molinaro's extensive experience in public service, particularly as a former mayor and county executive, makes him uniquely qualified to lead the FTA and drive forward the mission of ensuring safe, efficient, and accessible public transportation across the nation.

In his role as Dutchess County Executive from 2011 to 2023, Congressman Molinaro served as the chief elected official (CEO) of one of New York's most dynamic counties. His leadership in Dutchess County saw transformative improvements in transportation and infrastructure, as he prioritized investments in roads, bridges, and public transit to support economic development and enhance mobility for residents. His work with the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and as President of the New York State County Executives' Association further underscored his commitment to strengthening county governments' role in transportation planning and execution. Notably, his leadership was instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, where he worked tirelessly to ensure the health, safety, and economic stability of Dutchess County residents during an unprecedented crisis.

Having served as a member of Congress, Congressman Molinaro advocated for robust infrastructure and transportation policies through his service on the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. In his congressional district, he represented four key transit agencies: Dutchess County Public Transit, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, Broome County (BC) Transit, and Ulster County Area Transit. His firsthand experience working with these transit agencies has given him unique insight into the operational and funding challenges facing local public transportation systems. This direct engagement further reinforces his qualifications to lead the FTA and advance policies that strengthen transit networks across the country.

On a personal note, I have known and worked with Marc for 20 years, especially during his tenure as a member of the New York State Association of Counties and as President of the New York State County Executives Association. Throughout our time working together, I have witnessed firsthand his dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to public service. His ability to build consensus, drive meaningful change, and advocate for the needs of local governments has been truly commendable.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Acquario
Executive Director

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