

December 22, 2014

The Honorable Therese McMillan
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator McMillan:

The undersigned members of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), the Senior Transportation Task Force (STTF) and other supporting organizations urge you to sustain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for the National Center for Senior Transportation and Easter Seals Project ACTION. The work of these important technical assistance and training resources has been invaluable in increasing the mobility of older adults and people with disabilities.

Adequate accessible transportation is critical for older adults and people with disabilities to maintain an active and successful daily life. For many older adults and people with disabilities, access to transportation can mean the difference between dependence and isolation or independence and productivity. Public transportation is often the lynchpin that allows people to work, go to the doctors, volunteer in their community, live independently, get an education, go shopping or visit friends and relatives. The National Center on Senior Transportation and Project ACTION are the nation's premiere resource for helping drive progress in this area and have greatly improved the lives of older adults and people with disabilities. In addition, the work of the two projects has helped transit providers, local communities and other direct service providers work together to create solutions to mobility barriers.

Thank you for considering our views. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Jennifer Dexter at Easter Seals at 202-347-3066 (jdexter@easterseals.com) and Autumn Campbell at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) at 202-872-0888 (acampbell@n4a.org).

Sincerely,

AARP
ACCSES
American Foundation for the Blind
Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies
Autism National Committee
B'nai B'rith International
Easter Seals
International Association of Jewish Vocational Services

JCC Association of North America
The Jewish Federations of North America
LeadingAge
Lutheran Services in America Disability Network
Meals On Wheels Association of America
National Adult Day Services Association
National Alliance for Caregiving
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD)
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Association of RSVP Directors
National Council on Aging
National Disability Rights Network
National Respite Coalition
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Senior Service America Inc.
The Arc
The Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
United Spinal Association
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WISER (The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement)