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WASHINGTON, DC 20510 - 3505

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Peter M. Roghoff
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Mr. Roghoff:

As the Federal Transit Administration considers applications for the Low or No Emission Vehicle Deployment program, I would like to bring to your attention a proposal submitted by the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) in Canton, Ohio.

If awarded funding, SARTA will implement the SARTA Zero-Emission Bus and Infrastructure Project by obtaining six zero-emission 40-foot, low-floor hydrogen fuel cell buses and deploy them in and around Stark County, Ohio—a designated ozone non-attainment area. In addition, SARTA intends to expand the capacity of the hydrogen refueling station adjacent to SARTA's Gateway garage and maintenance facility.

SARTA also proposes facilitating the acquisition of up to three additional identical transit buses (in increments of one bus) that will be operated in revenue service in Columbus, Ohio by the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) and owned by Ohio State University (OSU). If these optional funds are awarded, SARTA also requests funding to build a hydrogen fueling station at the Ohio State University Center for Automotive Research (OSU CAR).

Please give full and fair consideration to SARTA's proposal. I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of the application.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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