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May 10, 2019

Ms. K. Jane Williams
Acting Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
Office of the Administrator
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Acting Administrator Williams,

I write in support of Topeka Metro and their grant application to procure electric buses and in doing so advance Kansas's capital city in its quality of transit amenities.

With innovative technologies and fuel resources comes cost and Topeka Metro has worked collaboratively with Westar Energy, one of Kansas' leading electric utilities in developing a mutually beneficial electric rate for electric buses to make the charging and operating of an electric transit fleet a reality in Northeast Kansas. Working to eliminate hurdles and subsequent costs for taxpayers and transit ridership alike is how modern public transit can succeed. Affordability of local transit is vital to Kansas' economy because transporting a Kansas workforce has direct implications on the work product, efficiency and fiscal viability both personally and in the state's revenue streams.

Topeka Metro has an excellent resource in Kansas wind and its abundance for a fuel source. Not only will this help power these buses in their daily workload but it will also promote a Kansas product that is growing in its implementation. Topeka Metro is ideally located next to abundant wind innovative transit resources, providing a real opportunity to continue to thrive at its core mission.

Thank you for your consideration of Topeka Metro's application to purchase electric buses to be used in its daily transit operations.

Very truly yours,



Jerry Moran