

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Tom Cole
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Mike Quigley
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Urban Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

Thank you for your commitment to improving our country's infrastructure and rebuilding aging transportation systems. We write to request full funding of the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program in the fiscal year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) appropriations bill.

In 2015, Congress created the CRISI grant program to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of rail transportation systems and to protect all who work on, live near, and rely upon the rail network. Through public-private partnerships and cost-sharing agreements, CRISI recipients can invest in capital projects, systems to prevent derailments, grade crossing enhancements, and more.

Since the first awards in 2017, CRISI has generated \$1.5 billion in investments across 47 states.¹ This investment benefits communities large and small, urban and rural, by creating good-paying jobs and strengthening the supply chain. CRISI advances major maintenance projects that shore up first-mile and last-mile connections served by short line railroads, allowing goods to move more seamlessly to and from market. It enhances American competitiveness by reducing delays and costs to businesses and consumers. The program also helps mitigate congestion and remove bottlenecks, reducing the number of vehicles on the road while promoting the efficient use of transportation resources.

Please help realize the potential of this program by funding CRISI at the fully authorized level in the fiscal year 2024 THUD spending bill. Full funding of CRISI and rail safety programs will be a win for every one of our states and communities. We appreciate your leadership on transportation issues and look forward to working with you to ensure Congress delivers on the programs critical to those we represent.

Sincerely,

¹ The 47 states that have benefited from one of 208 CRISI awards include Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin.



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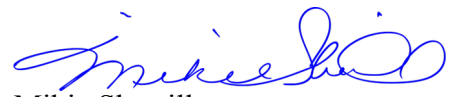
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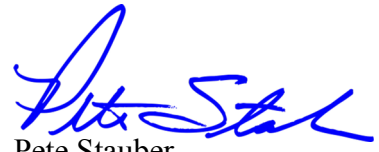
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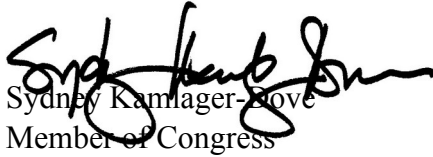
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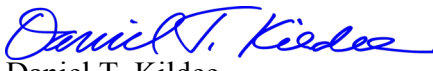
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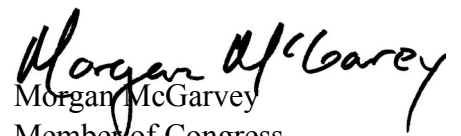
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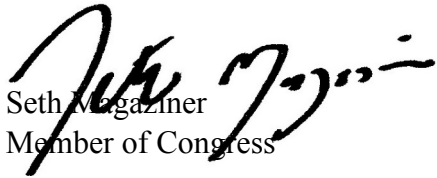
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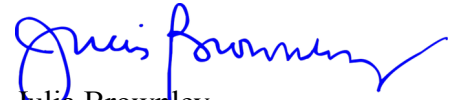
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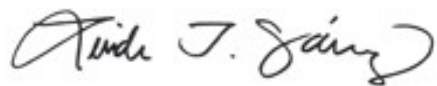
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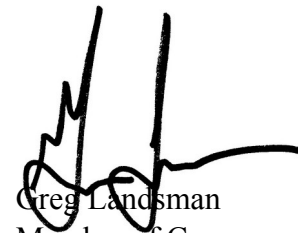
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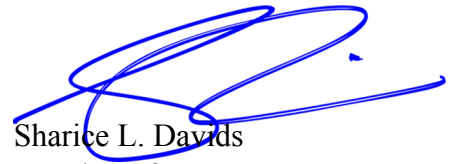
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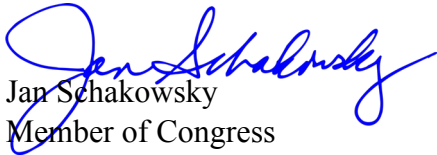
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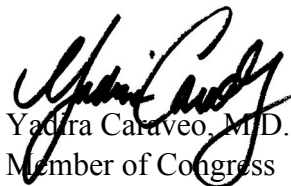
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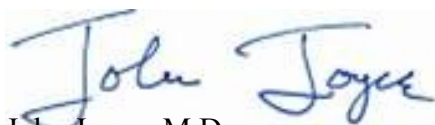
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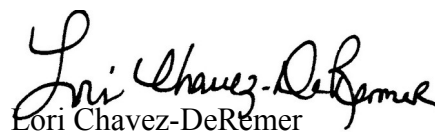
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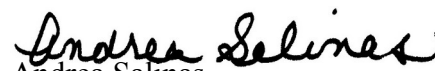
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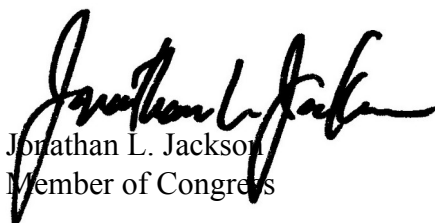
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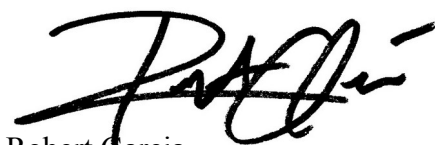
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Carey', written in a cursive style.

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