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  
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  
Wider Opportunities for Women  
WISER (The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement)