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Congresswoman Debbie Dingell

Senator Peters

Senator Stabenow

((transmitted in 3 separate letters))

RE: Letter of Support for the City of Ann Arbor's Train Station

Dear Congresswoman Dingell/Senator Peters/Senator Stabenow

On behalf of the Ann Arbor Transportation Commission, please accept this letter of support for the City of Ann Arbor's Ann Arbor Train Station project. The existing station is the one of the smallest in the State of Michigan yet sees the greatest number of passengers boarding and alighting statewide. There has long been a desire to improve the experience for our rail passengers to meet the needs of today and the future.

The community's commitment to multi-modal transportation has been well documented over several years. One of the pillars of the adopted transportation element of the City's Master Plan, known as "Moving Together Towards Vision Zero," is "Regional Connectivity." Passenger rail service supported by a viable and vibrant station is key to supporting regional connectivity. We increasingly live regional lives and providing residents, workers, and visitors with strong transportation choices makes our community more resilient and sustainable.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's funding request. I hope you share my excitement about the prospect of improving the Ann Arbor train station.

Sincerely,

Bret Hautamaki,
Chair of the Transportation Commission