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Washington, DC 20515

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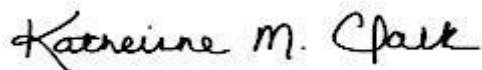
Dear Mr. Poftak,

We write to follow up on our letter of December 11, 2020 to again express our concerns regarding the MBTA's Forging Ahead proposal. We have yet to receive a reply to our request for information justifying the level of service cuts the MBTA has implemented. Moreover, since our original letter, Congress has secured over \$250 million for the MBTA, and the American Rescue Plan will provide an estimated \$1 billion in additional transit funding to the Commonwealth. We urge you to provide evidence that justifies decreased service despite this robust federal relief, as we previously requested, or immediately reverse the recent service cuts, which disproportionately harm essential workers and low-income communities who rely on the MBTA for commutes and access to critical services.

We consider mass transit to be a public good, a vital tool for combatting climate change, and an integral part of our post-COVID recovery. As such, we again request that the MBTA provide clear evidence demonstrating the continued need for this degree of service reduction in light of the significant federal assistance the Authority has received. Finally, we hope you can reassure us that the federal assistance Congress has provided will be used to completely restore any and all service cuts as soon as possible.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress




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United States Senator





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United States Senator





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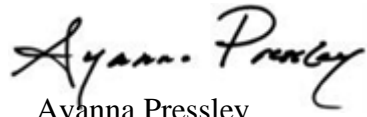

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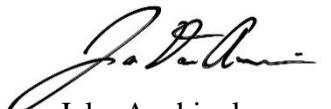

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