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The Honorable Brian Schatz  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing  
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies  
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Dear Chairman Schatz and Ranking Member Collins:

Thank you for your continued leadership on the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. As you begin to prepare the Fiscal Year 2022 Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request that you include funding for the Northwest Extension Phase 2 Light Rail Project in Phoenix, Arizona at the level requested in the president's 2022 budget request.

Since 2008, Valley Metro Rail has operated its light rail system with service to the rapidly growing cities of Phoenix, Mesa, and Tempe. This reliable and efficient system has generated economic prosperity for communities along its route. The light rail has also made Phoenix, Tempe, and Mesa more accessible to commuters, expanding businesses and job opportunities in Arizona. The Northwest Extension Phase 2 Light Rail Project will extend the light rail system an additional 1.5 miles to Metrocenter Mall by 2024.

The president's 2022 budget requested \$58.1m to accelerate Northwest Extension Phase 2 Light Rail Project. I request that the committee fund this request, which would benefit the entire Valley through reduced congestion, improved air quality, and greater access for lower income communities to public transportation.

Thank you for your important work and leadership. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

