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The Honorable Kevin Mullin
U.S. House of Representatives
1528 S. El Camino Real, Suite 307
San Mateo, CA 94402

Re: Support for the Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit

Dear Representative Mullin,

On behalf of the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (“Commute.org”), **I am writing to urge you to protect the Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefit**, more commonly known as the commuter tax benefit. Through supporting commuter tax benefits, you can play a part in creating **efficient modes of transportation, decreasing traffic congestion, and providing greater mobility for people and goods**.

Commuter tax benefits are under threat in the current list of proposed programs to be cut in the upcoming reconciliation bill. We urge you to defend the benefit on behalf of American workers and support more affordable access to jobs.

The commuter tax benefit allows employees to set aside pre-tax dollars for transportation costs, including those for transit passes and vanpools. This program has been an **essential transportation demand management (TDM) tool that allows employees to contribute pre-tax dollars to pay for their transit and vanpool commutes**, and its continued availability is important for maintaining **thriving businesses and a strong economy**.

Commuter tax benefits are also one of the key elements in the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program that has been in effect since 2014. We rely on that program to encourage employers to play an active role in reducing congestion and improving air quality in the Bay Area.

The preservation of these benefits is especially crucial as more and more workers are required to return to the office. With **many workers still facing economic uncertainty**, the commuter benefit offers a tangible way to relieve some of the financial pressures associated with getting to work.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. Please reach out to ACT’s Government Affairs and Policy Manager, Emma Wasserman (ewasserman@actweb.org), with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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