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Carole A. Pankau
STATE SENATOR • 23RD DISTRICT

November 21, 2010

Mr. Patrick Durante
Board Of Directors
Regional Transportation Authority
175 W Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Durante,

It has come to my attention that a local transit project, commonly known as the Circulator Bus System in the Village of Lombard, has been eliminated in the second year of funding for the RTA portion. This budget cut has made the local funding from Lombard impractical. The project's success requires commitments from all stakeholders for the first two years and beyond.

I have also been made aware that the current lack of funds from the State of Illinois has prompted your decision. I understand cuts need to be made in this economic climate. Hopefully, the State of Illinois can reverse this deficit direction and become a more reliable source of revenue soon.

Projects such as Lombard's Circulator Bus encourages growth and new job success for workers that rely on public transit systems. This compact bus will provide vital transportation from the Metra Rail Line to the Yorktown/Butterfield corridor. Hundreds of employees and visitors will have new access to the southern business/retail district. The Circulator Bus System fits perfectly in CMAP's "Go to 2040" future planning goals.

I encourage you and the Board of Directors to keep Lombard's Circulator Bus system on the top of your innovative project list for the near future, when such funding can be met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole Pankau".

State Senator Carole Pankau

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