

United States Senate

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Federal Transit Association
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in support of the Missoula Urban Transportation District's (MUTD) application for the Low or No Emission Grant Program to fund their project Two Agencies, One Goal: All-Electric, Zero-Emission Fleets.

While the City of Missoula is surrounded by beauty, this mountain town often faces air quality issues, especially during wildfire season and was recently reported to be one of the worst areas in the country for small particle pollution. Additionally, since 2015, transit ridership in Missoula has grown by almost seventy percent. With the transit bus life expectancy of 12 years or more, this project aligns with MUTD'S fleet replacement plan and will provide riders with transportation until the next bus replacement while also improving air quality in the Missoula valley.

If successful, funding for the MUTD will be used to replace four diesel buses with four all-electric, zero-emission buses and associated charging infrastructure.

I trust you will give this grant proposal fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator