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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Renovation for the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority project in fiscal year 2027

The entity to receive this funding is New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority, with offices located at 6580 Valley Center Dr. Suite 124, Fairlawn, VA 24141. This project will renovate a historic passenger rail station in Christiansburg, Virginia that will reintroduce Amtrak passenger rail service to a region of Virginia that has not had service in close to 50 years.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because of the significant ridership, economic impact, and financial commitment of local, state, and federal funds. With ridership projected to exceed 40,000 people per year, this will take pressure off a dangerous interstate facility in I-81, which is the only means of accessing the region. This station will have an economic benefit of over \$10M annually due to visitor spending and investment. The New River Valley station will be the southern-most terminus of the busy Northeast Corridor extending through major metros including Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New York City, and terminating in Boston.

The New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Renovation project will serve over 40,000 riders in its first year of operation and based on rail ridership at other stations in Virginia, it is expected to exceed that amount each year thereafter. Service is scheduled to begin in July 2027.

The anticipated student traffic from this project would be a benefit to Virginia Tech, Radford, and travelers on I-81, as it is expected that a good number of students who attend these universities could use transportation by rail instead of I-81 when traveling.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress