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The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write today to offer my support for the application for the Low or No Emission Vehicle (LONO) Program submitted by Cobb County, Georgia, to advance and expand the Cumberland Community Improvement District's (CID) Autonomous Vehicle (AV) initiative through the development of the Cumberland Autonomous Mobility Network.

If awarded, this program will promote American automotive ingenuity & strengthen domestic manufacturing while upholding safety. This is in line with President Trump's *Automated Vehicle Framework as Part of the Innovation Agenda*. The LONO grant would allow Cobb County and the Cumberland CID to launch the first AV HOLON shuttles in Georgia—fully autonomous, ADA-compliant vehicles proudly manufactured in the United States (Jacksonville). This cuttingedge and innovative strategy by Cobb County will have a direct impact on American jobs, workforce training, and ingenuity. The application has a line-item budget for workforce development, particularly in STEM and mobility-related careers. Through strategic partnerships, the project aims to equip residents—including youth — with skills and training for the future of transportation and emerging technologies.

Cobb County and the Cumberland CID have consistently demonstrated their ability to deliver forward-thinking infrastructure investments on time and in partnership with public and private stakeholders. Their leadership in deploying Georgia's first U.S.A. AV shuttles and their ongoing collaboration with technology partners and federal agencies reflect the capacity and vision required to make this program a national model. I urge consideration of Cobb County's application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Barry Loudermilk

Member of Congress