

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 4, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in support of the City of Bangor's Community Connector Public Transit System's application to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. If funded, the City of Bangor seeks to establish fixed route bus stops, build bus shelters, and eliminate flag stops.

For more than 40 years, the Community Connector Public Transit System has been serving the greater Bangor, Maine, region – including the communities of Brewer, Hampden, Orono, Veazie, and Old Town. This system provides direct service to students and faculty at the University of Maine, the State's largest higher education institution, as well as Husson University, Eastern Maine Community College, the University of Maine Bangor, and Beal College. Since conception, the Community Connector has maintained effective and reliable transportation services for its citizens, many of whom rely on its fixed route bus services to travel to and from work, school, healthcare appointments, shopping, and social activities.

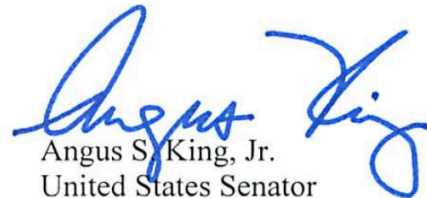
With funding from the FTA, the City of Bangor's Community Connector Public Transit System will be able to maintain critical services and assure that its users have access to safe and reliable transportation. With the implementation of ADA-compliant bus stops and bus shelters along the entire system, the Community Connector Public Transit System will be able to enhance amenities for all the riders who access transportation services provided.

Thank you for your attention to the City of Bangor's Community Connector Public Transit System's application. We urge your consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that your staff please notify Cameron O'Brien at (202) 224-2523 and Adam Lachman (King) at (202) 224-5344 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator