

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

July 9, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am pleased to write in support of the grant application submitted by the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) to the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission and Bus Facilities Grant Programs for its Oneida Facility Consolidation Project.

CENTRO remains committed to providing affordable, reliable, and efficient transportation services to the communities it serves, and maintaining safe facility working conditions. CENTRO has also long committed to a lower emissions fleet, with approximately 90% of its fixed route buses fueled by compressed natural gas.

With funding, the Oneida Facility Consolidation Project will address critical operation needs and provide the foundation for a resilient, service-ready transit future across Oneida County and the wider region. In addition to accommodating the expansion of transit service into adjacent counties, CENTRO is taking a critical step toward building a more efficient, sustainable, and reliable transportation network with an expanded capacity for service growth and regional access. The facility consolidation project is also essential to supporting the transition of its current fleet of 38 fixed-route diesel and paratransit gasoline vehicles to low- and zero-emission vehicles, which requires technology and infrastructure implemented through the consolidation project.

I applaud the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority for its foresight in submitting this grant application and sincerely hope it met with your approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my grants coordinator in our Washington, DC office at (b)(6)
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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