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March 17, 2026

The Honorable Sara Jacobs  
United States House of Representatives  
1314 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**SUBJECT: FY2027 Community Project Funding Request – Rapid 688 Bus Route Preliminary Engineering**

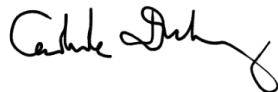
Dear Representative Jacobs:

On behalf of Circulate Planning & Policy, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to support the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding request for preliminary engineering of the Rapid 688 bus route. This project will provide a vital new transit connection for communities across the 51<sup>st</sup> Congressional District and the broader San Diego region.

The Rapid 688 will link San Ysidro and the U.S. – Mexico border through Chula Vista, National City, and City Heights to major employment centers and higher education institutions in the Mission Valley, Kearney Mesa, University Town Center, and Sorrento Mesa areas. Communities along this corridor have advocated for decades for high-quality transit connecting South County neighborhoods to regional job centers. A Rapid bus solution is the fastest path to delivering that connection, and the route will serve as a precursor to the future Purple Line, establishing the corridor and ridership base for a longer-term fixed guideway investment.

The requested funding will advance the project to 30% design, building on a planning study currently underway that will be completed in 2027. This design work will inform the subsequent phase of environmental analysis and NEPA/CEQA clearance. Circulate respectfully urges Representative Jacobs to include this project in her FY2027 Community Project Funding requests. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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